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THIS REPORT describes and analyzes the manuscripts, newspapers, and other material acquired by the Collection of Regional History during the past two years. It is intended to acquaint scholars and others with these acquisitions, and also to quicken the interest of the many kind friends of the Collection as to the need of the discovery and preservation of still other documents, and particularly those related to our present holdings so that our frequently scattered and scant papers concerning an individual, family, or activity, may be enriched with additional facts and thus have wider and deeper meaning for the scholar.

Foreword

DURING the past two years, the collecting of manuscripts for preservation and use in Regional History has largely followed a specific program to locate and acquire manuscripts relating to particular subjects with a view to forming units of research material which might attract the attention of students and scholars. Thus far the results have been gratifying.

Such a program is necessarily a long-range one, and must be attacked from different angles to insure any real success. First, the subject matter must be decided. Occasionally valid subjects appear as the result of discoveries of information in letters or account books, or a new acquisition may prove to be the nucleus of a new unit. Generally, however, the subjects appear as the result of research into published works and studies on the history of New York which reveal the gaps in our knowledge as well as the problems which need re-evaluation. In this task, the curator gains immeasurable benefit from the knowledge and advice of the University's own professional historians and scholars.

The actual building of a unit depends upon the locating of pertinent papers and the persuading of people to part with them. Not all leads end in the location of the desired material. Too frequently there is the discouraging news of a recent death and housecleaning, or of a remodeling of an office or factory and the consequent discarding of papers accumulated over a long period. If the cleaning antedated the visit by but a few days, we may hopefully pursue the scrap paper to a mill only to end by gazing disconsolately at a mass of pulp. Nor are people always persuaded to donate their papers immediately or to part with them all at one time. Illness or death within a family, the pressure of business, a suspicion that family skeletons may rattle into the present, the question of the practical business man as to the value of revealing past history, a sentimental attachment to family papers, differences of opinion within a family, a desire on the part of a prospective donor to hold the papers until the time, usually nebulous, when he shall have written a history of the family or of the community; these are some of the factors which often make collecting a slow and cautious process. They necessitate frequent visits to some individuals, families, or communities; at times may demand that an inventory taking several days be made on the spot to secure a release of the papers; and may even require that a talk be given before a local historical group.

In December, 1945, the nucleus of a unit was discovered in Holland Land Company records newly acquired from Ellicottville. The books

were used by the Company from 1803 to 1835, and from 1835 to 1863 by Nicholas Devereux of Utica who with other men of capital from that vicinity purchased a half million acres of land and mortgages from the Company. The Devereux entries proved highly interesting, for while Paul Evans had made an excellent study of the land, mortgage, and credit business of the Holland Land Company, no one had collected any substantial amount of evidence for a study of the same business in the same region following the sale of the interests of the Company in 1835. As the result of considerable search, the Collection now has a unit of material which is seventy-five per cent complete for such a history (1835-1900) in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Monroe, Niagara, Wyoming, and other western counties.

Mr. Ramsey Devereux and Mr. Warnick Kernan of Utica contributed the accounts of Nicholas Devereaux and company (1801-1886) in several separate collections. Acquired also were the related papers of Senator Francis Kernan and John Devereux who as executors of the Devereux estate made the final disposal of the lands. The letters (1858-1865) of John Devereux of the Ellicottville Land Office throw light on the agricultural, social, industrial, political, and religious history, and on the history of transportation of the western region as well as on the land business. The related sets of letters (1800-1919) between the Devereux, Kernan, and White families of Utica, the Pierrepont family of Pierrepont Manor, and the Clapp and Butler families of Oxford, Chenango County, contain much material relevant to this particular unit.

The City Bank Farmers Trust of New York City contributed correspondence, accounts, surveys, and other papers (1832-1942) relating to the investments of millions of dollars by the Farmers Loan and Trust Company in mortgages and land purchased from the Holland Land Company. These records include the correspondence and accounts of Herman Redfield, the agent of the Batavia Office. Nor is this collection isolated in content from the Devereux-Kernan collections. Again we find Utica men, in the persons of Horatio Seymour and his father, interested in the western lands of New York. The latter was president of the Farmers Loan and Trust. Unfortunately, these records can never be complete, for the City Bank Farmers Trust recently cremated a considerable amount of material worthless for its business but invaluable for this particular unit. Other acquisitions, including records from the Pulteney Estate and the Morris Reserve, offer additional evidence for the land, mortgage, and credit business as well as for other aspects of the history of western New York.

In 1945, Regional History acquired the William Pierrepont White Collection (1729-1938) which threw much light on the economic and social development of northern New York in particular. But the multiplicity of individuals and interests concerned made the locating of additional material necessary before research units could be formed. During the past year, we acquired a substantial amount of such material

including the surveys and field notes (1790–1805) by Benjamin Wright for some 2,000,000 acres of land in northeastern New York; other papers relating to the disposal of these lands by William Constable, Hezekiah Pierpont, William Constable Pierrepont, and Hugh White; and additional account books, diaries, letters, and other papers concerning the economic development of, and the cultural, social, and religious life on Pierrepont Manor. While this material forms a definite unit of research relating to the activities of the Constable, Pierrepont, and White families in the development of northern New York, we recently located other records which will make possible a more inclusive unit. These bear on the history of some of the large tracts sold by Constable early in the national period.

Other papers recently acquired which complement and supplement the original White collection include a substantial set (1814–1835) of accounts, correspondence, and maps bearing on the career of Canvass White, one of the country's earliest and greatest engineers; a long file of correspondence (1819–1888) relating to Congressman Hugh White and his political and social activities in Washington; and an enlightening file for the New York Mills (1909–1913) which includes a complete set of letters or directives from C. A. Braman of A. D. Juilliard & Company at a time when the mills were passing from the control of small to large corporate business.

The papers of the Seymour family of Utica relate to the activities of Henry, John, and Horatio Seymour, and to the history, management, and disposal of Bleecker lands by the latter. The affinity between interests in land, transportation, and politics is illustrated by the papers of Governor Horatio Seymour as well as by the letters of Francis Kernan and Hugh White.

When correlated, the papers of the Butler, Clapp, Constable, Devereux, Kernan, Seymour, Walcott, and White families reveal the cohesive unity of an expanding group of related families, all centering in Utica, and the influence wielded by that group in the development of New York and other regions during the nineteenth century. These collections furnish research material not only for the economist and historian, but for the sociologist as well.

Manuscripts relating to political affairs, both local and national, are to be found in a number of collections, among them being the Spalding papers, the Edwin B. Morgan papers, and the additional papers of Josiah B. Williams. The Spalding papers include correspondence about political agitation on the canal, anti-Presbyterian and anti-slavery questions in western New York during the 1820's and 1830's. In the same collection and closely linked with this agitation is the correspondence concerning the development of local newspapers between Lyman Spalding, editor of *Plain Truth* of Canandaigua and *Priestcraft Exposed* of Lockport, and other newspaper men and politicians in Canandaigua, Rochester, and Utica. Two letters from Benjamin Lundy throw light

upon his activities in Mexico and upon anti-slavery sentiment in Niagara County and the nation. The papers of Edwin B. Morgan, a trustee of Cornell University, 1865-1874, pertain largely to his political campaigns as a candidate for election to Congress in 1850 and 1852.

Among the recent accessions dealing with the development of churches in the region are the records, 1801-1900, of the First Baptist Church of Cortland, and the records, 1812-1863, of the First Presbyterian Church of Parma, Monroe County. A number of series of letters relating to feminism and to scholastic, social, and teaching activities at Oswego Normal and Training School, Ann Arbor, the School for Girls in New York City, and Cornell, and Leland Stanford are in the papers of the Williams family of Weedsport. The Collection's papers on the development of banking have been supplemented by the records of the Oswego River Bank, and its successor, the First National Bank of Fulton.

For three generations the Diven family of Elmira was in close contact with key railroad men of New York and Pennsylvania. Relating to the development of the Erie, the Pennsylvania, the Northern Central, the Cayuga Railroad, and a number of other companies, the Alexander Diven Collection offers much evidence on capital investment, consolidation, and other aspects of railroad history.

The Davenport Collection (1800-1929) includes accounts, agreements, letters, and other documents which cover in detail the land and industrial interests of three generations of the Davenport family of Steuben County. These papers provide a unit which contains a tremendous fund of information on the farm mortgage problem in New York and in nine states of the Midwest.

The emphasis placed in this report upon records relating to agricultural history has not been accidental. Our American history was of a swiftly expanding frontier where the methods of the acquisition, disposal, and use of the land largely determined the development of a region. Hardly too much emphasis can be given to the preservation and use of manuscript evidence for this movement which explains so much of our past. But the farmer and land speculator carried with him political, religious, and social institutions which we have not ignored and about which we are gathering manuscripts with the intention of creating units of research material.

For a number of years, the University Library has been receiving separate and unorganized gifts of Ezra Cornell papers. The Collection also acquired Cornell manuscripts. During the past months, and in co-operation with the Library of which the Collection is now a department, we have been amalgamating, arranging, and describing these papers, a task of some importance in view of the relative nearness of the centennial of Cornell University. We have also been bringing together in the Collection the papers of the Presidents Schurman and Farrand, papers relating to Cornell's western lands and mortgages, early

account books, the Trustees' work-sheets, and other manuscript material. The early and unduplicated records of Cornell University, the correspondence of its founders and presidents, the papers of its trustees, documentary evidence as to its founding in the land grants, and other manuscripts which describe its development are certainly worthy of careful and particular attention.

The aims and activities of the Collection were brought before the public during the past year in a number of programs and functions which appealed to people of varied interests. Two radio programs and four exhibitions of manuscripts attracted favorable comment and new manuscripts. Three talks by the curator before local historical societies encouraged relationships of good will and co-operation between the societies and the Collection. A tea and an exhibition held in November, 1947, brought people from the campus and town together in discussion over actual manuscripts, and resulted in many expressions of interest and suggestions as to the location of manuscript materials.

EDITH M. FOX, *Curator.*

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Each title in capital letters indicates a distinct set of papers. The word *Collection* is used to describe an aggregate of papers and other documents of a number of individuals or families, usually related, and it may consist of a large aggregate or a relatively few and scattered papers. The word *Papers* describes a set of related papers covering a period of years of an individual or family. Following each title are the first and last dates of the particular set of papers. Where there are significant series of related documents within any one set the dates are given. The number in parentheses at the end of each description is the accession number for the lot of papers.

AMERICAN Balsa COMPANY RECORDS. 1917-1923. 6 boxes.

Relating to the development of balsa wood industries, these records include papers concerning the organization (1917) of the American Balsa Corporation, the investigation (1918-1920) by Professor Willard W. Rowlee (Cornell) of balsa woods in Central and South America, the absorption of the corporation by the American International Corporation, and the later expansion as the American Balsa Company, Inc.; papers concerning specifications, characteristics, uses, and production; and botanical discussions by Professor Rowlee and his associates. (626)

BALCOM FAMILY MISCELLANEA. 1838-1917. 5 boxes. A collection of miscellaneous material which includes the account books of Samuel Balcom of Bath; accounts of newspaper and magazine subscribers (1839-1868), general and farm accounts (1843-1846), carpenter's accounts (1848-1861), labor accounts (1868), and sawmill accounts (1870-1872). Included are diaries (1879-1881) which describe life in Oxford, Chenango County, in detail. Chenango and Steuben Counties. (494, 584)

BATES, DAVID. n.d. (early). 1 vol. A ms. geometry book. (670)

BATH MONUMENT WORKS. 1912-1918. 1 vol. Account book. Steuben County. (529)

- BEAUCHAMP, REV. WM. M. MS. 1918. 14 pp. typescript. "Major Moses De Witt and His Relatives in Onondaga County." (523)
- BENNETT'S BRAKE. 1866. 3 items. These papers relate to Jewett F. Bentley's rights in and sale of Erasmus Bennett's self-acting brake. Clarksville, Albany County. (553)
- BOWER ACCOUNTS. 1817-1847. 2 vols. General store accounts (1830-1847) of Horner, Bowers, and Goddard; farm accounts and diaries (1817-1846) of Alexander Bower, Sr., and Jr., which describe local political and social events, and in considerable detail the development of a farm. Ulysses, Tompkins County (515)
- BOWER FAMILY MISCELLANEA. 1833-1850. 26 pieces. Thomas Bower school accounts for Ulysses (1833-1839); Bower family personal accounts (1833-1850); inventories, deeds, and other papers of the Bower and Cooper families; the constitution and membership list of the Ulysses School District Temperance Society. Tompkins County. (569)
- BOWMAN RECORDS. 1848-1929. 92 items. Concerned largely with a tannery business, these records include correspondence (1855-1870) between Henry Bowman of Elmira and leather dealers in Boston, Philadelphia, and Chicago; letters (1855) on the hide market in Michigan; and accounts. Included is a diary (1849) describing a trip to Chicago by way of the Lakes. Chemung County. (566)
- BRAYTON FAMILY JOURNALS. 1829-1873. 6 vols. Including the diaries and albums of young women at select schools, and of their families, these journals throw light on the social history of the last century. (602)
- BROWN, MINOR H. ms. 10 pp. "I Recall Cornell," reminiscences by Minor H. Brown, Class of 1892, which include a description of Ezra Cornell's funeral. (647)
- BROWN MISCELLANEA. 1717-1858. 16 pieces. Deeds, bills, and correspondence relating to the John Brown family of Ithaca. Tompkins County. (536)
- BRYAN ACCOUNT BOOK. 1873-1874. 1 vol. Pharmaceutical account book. Bath, Steuben County. (495)
- CAME LETTERS. 1846-1860. 75 pieces. A series of electrocopied letters from (Dr.) Charles Came of Pittsford to his wife relating to his lectures throughout New York on electro-magnetism and galvanism, his electric treatments for disease, his exhibition of a "Sleeping Man" in New York City, and the difficulty of making a living. Monroe County. (662)
- CAMP FAMILY PAPERS. 13 boxes. 1817-1931. This set of papers consists largely of the correspondence of John G. Camp, his son, Jacob A. Camp, and their families of Buffalo, New York, and of Sandusky, Ohio. John G. Camp was chief of the Quartermaster De-

partment of the Army of the Niagara, War of 1812, a member of the Ohio Legislature, U. S. Marshal (1841-1847) at Tallahassee, Florida, and applied (1850) for the positions as marshal in California and New Mexico Territories. Jacob A. Camp attended (1841-1842) Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, was a paymaster (1861-1865) in Kentucky and Tennessee, and a special agent (1878-1884) for the Treasury Department. The correspondence of these men throws light on federal patronage over an extended period, and includes letters from Winfield Scott (1817-1841), John Tyler (1842-1849), Thomas S. Jessup (1849), John Sherman, Charles J. Folger, and others. Letters (1842-1893) from Rutherford B. Hayes include an unusual and strong statement (1893) on "Wealth and Poverty". Other letters describe the deathbed of Benjamin Harrison which John C. Camp attended, and mention Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, and other notable persons; refer to Anti-Masonry (1828) in Buffalo, economic and political developments in Sandusky and Ohio, and the purchase, proposed settlement, and development (1836-1839) of a 60,000 acre tract in West Virginia; relate to claims to and speculation in Texas lands (1844-1897); reflect the current opinions on the Mexican and Civil Wars; and describe life in Buffalo, Sandusky, Florida, New York, Washington, D. C., the South after the Civil War, and other parts of the country. The papers relating to Jacob A. Camp's activities as special agent include daily reports and letters of instruction (1878-1884) on investigations of customhouses, complaints against Federal officials, claims against the Federal Government, and bids for Federal appropriations. (555)

CARPENTER ALBUMS. 1827, 1840. 2 vols. Poetry albums: Anna Carpenter (1827); Maria Carpenter (1840). (603)

CATCHPOLE RECORDS. 1872-1906. 140 pieces, 20 vols. Accounts, bills, broadsides, circulars, correspondence, pamphlets, and trade cards relating to the manufacturing of heating apparatus by A. Catchpole Co. of Geneva, and others. Included are school registers (1893-1896) for Aurelius, Seneca and Cayuga Counties. (571)

CHAUTAUQUA RECORDS. 1915-1923. 200 items. These records include lists of subscribers, appeals, programs, correspondence about arrangements, and other material relating to the annual Chautauquas for Bath and the vicinity. Steuben County. (492)

CHURCHILL, ALFRED LAND PAPERS. 1847-1895. 1 box. Between 1847 and 1850, Alfred Churchill of Utica, Oneida County, with his brother Seldon purchased military warrants for 11,570 acres of land in Iowa. Some warrants were used for speculation; others were located. This set of papers relates to the costs of warrants, commissions, locating and surveying lands, interest and taxes, breaking sod, ditching, seeding, and wages; and includes accounts, surveys, correspondence between Alfred Churchill, his brother, and his agents, and other material. (613)

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM RECORDS. 1880–1941. 16 storage file-cases. The files of the New York State Civil Service Reform Association and the National Civil Service Reform League relate to the organization, development, history, and activities of these associations. They include correspondence, briefs, extracts, reports, clippings, pamphlets, and other material relating to appointments, examinations, investigations, prosecutions, and removals, finances and membership campaigns, Civil Service Laws, assembly and senate bills, congressional activities, the views on civil service of presidential and gubernatorial candidates, newspaper and other publicity, annual and council meetings, and many other matters; the minutes (microfilmed) of meetings of the Association and the League; and 2 vols. (microfilmed) of clippings relating to the activities of H. Eliot Kaplan, Executive Secretary of the League. (549)

CIVIL WAR COMMITTEE OF FULTON AND VOLNEY. 1861–1863. 208 pieces. This set of papers concerns the activities of a committee appointed by the citizens of Fulton and Volney, and includes material relating to the recruitment of men for the Companies of Captains Taylor and Jenning, 24th Regiment, New York Volunteers; accounts of assessments (1861) and contributions, of rations and lodgings furnished recruits, and of relief furnished their families; and correspondence (1861–1863) between committee members, officers, privates, and their families. Oswego County. (545)

CIVIL WAR DIARIES. 1862–1863. 2 vols. Diaries of Sergeant George W. Bassett, 33rd Regiment, New York, killed at the Battle of Sharpsburg, and Sergeant Ramsus E. Bassett, 126th Regiment, New York, killed at the Battle of Gettysburg. Steuben County. (490)

CIVIL WAR ITEMS. 1862, 1864. 1 piece, 1 vol. List of men in Bath liable to the draft (1862) with ages and occupations stated; and a letter (1864) giving prices of substitutes and noting the county organization for the purchase of the same. Steuben County. (518, 593)

CLEMONS, ALFRED PAPERS. 1822–1854. 3 boxes, 28 vols., 34 plans. This set of papers includes correspondence, contracts, labor, and carpenter accounts and plans for the construction of the American House, shops, a malt house, foundry, and various dwellings in Buffalo, and other items relating to Colonel Clemons' activities as a builder (1828–1845); goldsmith accounts (1843–1845); general household and expense accounts (1828–1853); a series of letters to Clemons from Alanson Palmer, a patent broker, land speculator, and builder, relating to their mutual interests in the selling of patent rights, the manufacturing and sale of machinery, and land and building speculation; correspondence, commissions, surgeon's reports, officers' oaths, muster rolls, invitations, election notices and returns, and other papers relating to Clemons' activities as a colonel of the 208th Regiment of Infantry, New York Volunteers (1822–1849); orders, reports, cor-

respondence relating to crimes, criminals, stolen goods, fugitive slaves and other police matters, guard-house memorandum books, travel accounts, a long series of reward handbills, and other papers relating to Clemons' activities as constable of Buffalo (1842-1854). Erie and Niagara Counties. (474)

COLE RECORDS. 1876-1880. 1 box. Inventories, orders, prices, and receipts of the C. C. Cole hardware business. Jordan, Onondaga County. (576).

COLLINS FAMILY COLLECTION. 1844-1939. 345 pieces, 3 vols. This set of papers consists largely of correspondence between Lieutenant George K. Collins, Company I, 149th Regiment, New York Volunteers, and his family of Syracuse, which describes army life and campaigns of the Civil War, the Battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain, and others, and comments freely upon tactics, policies, and commanding officers. Included are: a blacksmith account (1849-1853) for Spafford; an account book (1844-1846) of Dr. John Collins of Spafford listing calls, medications, and treatments; and the accounts (1868-1878) of an insurance agent of Syracuse. Onondaga County. (632)

WILLIAM CONSTABLE RECORDS. 1790-1805. 82 items. Completed under the direction of Benjamin Wright and for the Constable Purchase, the survey records include 49 field books and 30 survey maps. Included are 3 deeds; New York State to Alexander Macomb, Jan. 10, 1792, for 1,920,000 acres; and Alexander Macomb and wife to William Constable, Oct. 3, 1792, for 1,920,000 acres for £50,000 New York currency (original and certified copy with additional facts). Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, and Franklin Counties. (608)

COOK ACCOUNTS. 1846-1857. 2 vols. Accounts of N. Cook, shoemaker, tanner, and mechanic. Argusville, Schoharie County. (515)

COOK, HENRY H. RECORDS. 1878-1913. 27 pieces. Accounts and records relating to the mortgage business of Henry H. Cook and estate. Bath, Steuben County. (493)

COOPER ACCOUNT BOOK. 1837-1856. 1 vol. General store and produce accounts. Jacksonville, Tompkins County. (515)

CORNELL CLUB OF ST. LOUIS. 1893-1915. 1 vol. Minute book of the Cornell Club of St. Louis. Missouri. (637)

EZRA CORNELL PAPERS. 1828-1936. 33 boxes.

During the past year a number of sets of papers relating to Ezra Cornell were brought together, arranged, described, and made available for the use of the scholar. The majority of these papers already were in the vault of the Cornell University Library, many of them still folded in the packets as given by Dorothy Cornell and Mary E. Cornell. Professors Carl L. Becker and Charles E. Hull had arranged and indexed many of them, and Professor Hull had even made a

calendar of Cornell's life on the basis of certain of the papers, but neither scholar had the good fortune to see all of them. This comprehensive collection is now in the Library vault. Including the contemporary records of an unusual man who could envision a "magnificent experiment" in the development of the telegraph or in the founding of a university, it has a particular value for scholars and Cornell University.

Included among the collected papers are accounts, broadsides, estimates, letters, memoranda, maps, newspaper clippings preserved by Cornell, and other material relating to his active career (1828-1874), and in addition a small amount of material concerned principally with Cornell University and its faculty. The papers relating to Ezra Cornell fall into three groups, the first (1828-1843) covering the years when he worked in Ithaca and traveled with his plough, the second (1843-1860) covering the period of his interest in the telegraph, and the third (1860-1874) covering his later years, a period of activity in State and local politics, and in the development of Ithaca and Cornell University.

The second letter in the first group is from Ithaca, dated June 17, 1828, and from Otis Eddy to Ezra Cornell. "Sir, The time that you engaged to come to work for me I think has arrived. Some of my hands are now unwell and I want some help very much and wish to have you come immediately." The good people of Ithaca probably did not glance twice at the hired hand who, according to his small account book, began work in Eddy's cotton mill at noon on July 16, 1828. The first entry in the same account book is for a box of blacking. Cornell then settled for a watch, and next had a pair of pantaloons cut out.

Thirty-six and a half years after this modest beginning, Ezra Cornell wrote to his friend and legal adviser, Judge Francis M. Finch, "If my life is spared, and prosperity continues I shall be able to make a broad mark on the future prosperity of Ithaca I shall promise *less* than I shall perform=If we secure this congressional college fund—I am confident that we can make Ithaca the seat of learning in America—I shall expect in addition to my own donations, to draw Millions from the wealth of the city of N. Y. to the support of the institution that we will then found—We shall start in a position to help our selves, and such the world stands ready to help ="

Among the papers of the first group (1828-1843) are letters to his parents, and accounts, letters, and other papers concerning his employment by Jeremiah Beebe, the owner of a flour and plaster mill on Fall Creek. While working for Beebe and managing his mill, Cornell also pursued his own interests, setting up a tavern (1834), buying and speculating in Fall Creek lots, planning the construction of cheap, two-storied houses, operating a pottery, taking an interest in a shoe factory and a grocery store, buying patent rights for a reap-

ing machine, agreeing to construct and improve a tanning machine, and becoming involved in other ventures. His letters to his father also contain much information as to his work, plans, and opinions, news about his growing family, and reports of the events, political and otherwise, in Ithaca. In 1834, Cornell wrote to his "Dear Parent . . . I informed thee when thee was out that I had got out of Debt and a little to spare but not being able to enjoy sound sleep while I remained in that situation (a situation that Some would call happy) I have remedied that evil by running in debt for a large house & lot." It was a good-humored and triumphant acknowledgment of a characteristic which Carl Becker later termed Cornell's "impulse to chance it."

With the year 1838, the volume of the papers increases. There is considerable detail about Cornell's successes and failures as he traveled about Maine and Georgia selling a plough, the patent rights of which he had purchased for those states from Barnaby and Mooers of Ithaca. One open letter to the farmers of Maine reveals the budding politician in the salesman. Cornell confessed he had been wrong in his impression of that state; instead of a barren, rock-bound, isolated region with fishing and cranberry picking as the major industries and with people subsisting on potatoes scratched from the soil, Maine promised to be the second agricultural state in the Union. In Maine, he came in contact with Francis O. J. Smith, part owner of Samuel F. B. Morse's patents on the new magnetic telegraph, a device Cornell considered "a magnificent experiment," and "the foundation for future profitable employment." The bulk of the collection (1843-1860) is concerned with Cornell's interest in this not always so profitable but doubtless - in view of the debts entailed - soporific employment.

Among the papers in this second group (1843-1860) relating to the promotion, construction, and investment in telegraph lines in the Eastern United States, Canada, and the Midwest are contracts, lists of stockholders, briefs of legal cases, accounts, financial statements and reports, broadsides, and sketches; a series of letters from Samuel F. B. Morse, and a sketch (1843) by Morse of his instruments; material relating to the construction of the first line from Washington to Baltimore which is supplemented by a detailed autobiographical report by Cornell; material relating to Cornell's construction and sale (1848-1855) of the ill-fated New York and Erie Telegraph, and to his interest in lesser lines both in the East and Midwest; a series of letters from Amos Kendall who managed the telegraph interests of Morse and his partner-patentees, excepting Smith; a series of letters from J. J. Speed, Jr., Cornell's partner in his western telegraph ventures; letters from D. T. Tillotson, the chief lieutenant of Speed; letters from Alonzo B. Cornell, Ezra's son, who worked in the Buffalo and Cleveland offices of the Erie and Michigan; letters from S. Palmer,

Daniel B. Cornell, Charles H. Speed, and from local contractors and station agents; and other letters from Henry O'Reilly, Hiram Sibley, and many others. The papers vividly reveal the difficulties of construction and maintenance, the conflicts between investors, and local opposition and rivalry, and shed much light on the controversies between Smith and the other Morse patentees, and between Cornell and Speed on the one hand, and Henry O'Reilly on the other hand, over the right to build lines in the Midwest.

Of particular interest in this second group is the material dealing with the beginnings of Western Union (1854-1855). It appears that while Cornell was outmaneuvered by Hiram Sibley, his capitulation was due in part to the defection of his partners, Speed and Jephtha H. Wade, whom he had every reason to trust, and to the fact that at a crucial time he himself suffered an accident which incapacitated him for several weeks, thus allowing his counter-combination of lines to drift without a guiding hand. When he submitted to consolidation, it was on very favorable terms. Western Union placed Cornell beyond financial need. By 1858, with an assured income, he was back in Ithaca buying blooded stock, taking an active part in agricultural societies, becoming interested in coal lands and coal oil in Pennsylvania, negotiating for an exchange of the latter interests for lots in Brooklyn, building the Cornell Library, taking an interest in the building of Cascadilla as a health resort, and generally promoting the growth of Ithaca, generously giving support and money to worthy causes, leading in the development of lines now comprising the Lehigh Valley R. R., and gradually paying his debts.

Material relating to Cornell's interest in the telegraph is included in the third group (1860-1874), but in greatly lessened volume, and largely in the form of financial statements and reminiscences. On April 13, 1874, some months before his death, Cornell wrote, "It is 30 years this month since I purchased the poles for the lines between Washington & Baltimore . . . Great changes have taken place since that time, but few of us who contributed to the success of the Telegraph, remains to witness the fact that it has become the most important agency in the affairs of mankind." In 1861, he was elected to the New York Assembly, the first step in a new phase of his career. At this point, his collected papers become an integral part of a mass of manuscript material held by the Cornell University Library and the Collection of Regional History, and relating to the People's College movement, co-education, the subsidizing of education on a national scale through the use of public lands, the problems concerned with the disposal of these lands, local and New York State politics, the development of local cultural institutions, internal improvements, and many other vital issues of the period. This mass of material includes the papers of Andrew D. White and Justin S. Morrill, the Cornell University Land Papers, the University Archives,

the papers of members of the Cornell family, the Douglass Boardman, Francis M. Finch, and Josiah B. Williams Collections, and other large and small sets of papers relating to various aspects of the period as well as to the founders and the founding of Cornell University.

This analysis may well end with the mention of a letter recently discovered in a toy chest in the attic of the old Francis M. Finch home. Dated January 13, 1864, it is an answer to Finch's suggestion that Cornell consider the making of a will. "I had not given it much thought, supposing the laws of the state was the best will a man could have, and perhaps that is so, if he has no more property to leave than I had when I came to that conclusion. It may be wise for me to make a will . . . but again arises a difficulty, I don't know what to do with my property in framing the provisions of a will. My Wife owns the House we live in & 75 Acres of the farm and owns Stocks enough to give her an income of \$3,000, besides the farm, hence she dont want my property. I have five children, it would not benefit them to give them more than \$100,000 each, thus less than half is disposed of. The Library will probably absorb \$60,000, but supposing it to go to \$75,000, What shall I do with balance? I hope to do much good with it, but, I really don't know how to dispose of it in a will so as to do the good with it that I should desire to do. It is clear that you have touched upon a subject that will furnish reflection for my mind." The Quaker farm boy who had learned to spell by writing letters for his employer Beebe had reached the moment for a decision, a decision that would permit the development of an unique experiment, Cornell University. (611)

COTTIER LETTER. 1850. 1 item. A letter from Derect John Cottier of Westfield describing the wages and work of a house carpenter and life in the town. Chautauqua County. (649)

COVENTRY TEMPERANCE SOCIETY RECORDS. 1838-1859. 1 vol. Constitution, pledges, resolutions, and membership lists. Chenango County. (524)

DAVENPORT COLLECTION. 1800-1929. 6,610 pieces, 13 account books, 13 letter books, 7 press copy books, 1 photograph album, 79 maps.

This comprehensive collection of accounts, correspondence, and other papers of the Davenport family of Angelica, Allegany County, and Bath, Steuben County, and of allied families relates to their investments in a mercantile business (1805-1850) in Allegany and Steuben Counties, in a land and mortgage business (1800-1907) in New York and the Midwest, and in industries and mines (1852-1891). Taken as a whole, the collection shows the amassing of capital in a newly settled region through a general store and mercantile business, and the movement westward with the frontier of investment interests

in lands. It gives an excellent picture of frontier land speculation, the problems of absentee ownership, western economic conditions, and the farm credit system of the midwestern and northern plains states, particularly during the last 30 years of the 19th century.

Included in the Davenport mercantile papers are accounts for the Angelica store, correspondence, partnership and purchase agreements, and other material showing the extension of the business in Allegany and Steuben Counties. The Cameron accounts include the deed book (1800-1825) of Dugald Cameron of Bath for more than 8,000 acres of Steuben County land, and 1120 acres of Illinois land; the account book (1805-1826) of the same for land and a general store; the accounts (1828-1837) of the estate of the same; and the accounts (1835-1842) of the estate of William S. Cameron. Papers relating to New York lands include deeds, mortgages, letters, lists of lands, accounts, and other documents (1822-1871) of Charles and Ira Davenport, and of J. B. Welch, Volney Aldridge, and other associates.

By the 1840's, the brothers, Charles and Ira Davenport, had turned their attention to lands in Michigan and Illinois. The papers (incomplete) covering their early ventures include a series of letters from Ira to Charles commenting on and comparing investments in land, railroads, and banks in the East and West; a letter press copy book (1849-1850) written by Ira in connection with his land and tax title business in New York, Illinois, and Michigan; a series of letters and accounts (1849-1870) from J. W. Waterman of Detroit, a Davenport agent, partner, and relative, concerning loans and land entries made in Michigan; another series (1851-1878) from J. M. Adsit, a banker of Chicago and Hornell, New York; a series (1850-1870) from John Olmsted & Co. of New York City concerning investments, commenting on monetary conditions, land warrants, and the stock market, and including letters from John Olmsted on banking practices and on the establishment of the Yonkers Bank of which he was one of the founders and a president; letters (1858) from Dwight Davenport of Olney, Illinois, reporting to his uncle Charles on land prices, assessments, wages, costs of building a log house, and on crops; letters (1860-1864) from John Davenport reporting on Illinois investments; letters (1852-1861) from the French family (related to the Davenports) of Bentonsport, Iowa, commenting on local conditions and events; letters (1858) from Ira Davenport on locating land in Iowa; and other series of letters and accounts from Ostrom Anthony & Co. (1854-1855), and from the Demoiné Navigation & Railroad Company to Ira Davenport (1856-1858).

The papers are more complete for the period from 1869 to 1904 when John (died 1895) and Ira Davenport handled the estates of their father, Ira, and their uncle, Charles. Between 1869 and 1904, they owned or held part interest in some 80,000 acres of land in

Michigan, 63,000 in Nebraska, 12,000 in Iowa, 9,000 in Kansas, 4,000 in Illinois, and lesser amounts in Dakota Territory, Texas, and Minnesota. Between 1869 and 1890, the Davenports loaned sums of money varying annually from \$73,000 to \$300,000 on farm property in those areas. These funds consisted of trusts under their management, the savings of friends and relatives, and their personal capital.

Probably the most enlightening correspondence in this part of the collection is with the following agents. George Greigg (1869–1891) of Pekin, Illinois, was the original loan agent for the Davenports in that state. S. A. Foley (1869–1904), an Illinois lawyer and judge, began to loan for the Davenports in the late 1860's, and handled the legal problems arising after 1880 from their business in Iowa, South Dakota, and Illinois. John Weare (1869–1892), the sole loan agent for the Davenports in Iowa, was the President of the Williams Harvester Company in which the Davenports held stock; in partnership with them, he promoted a subdivision of Cedar Rapids. John Browne (1869–1880), the agent of the Des Moines Railroad and Navigation Company, acted as the Davenport agent in handling some 2,500 acres of Boone County lands which Ira Davenport, Sr., had acquired from the Company. Because of imperfections in the original title, the Des Moines River Lands were in a constant state of litigation and turmoil. The Davenport policy of handling these lands differed somewhat from that of other Eastern capitalists holding similar title. After experimenting with several agents in Nebraska — General Amasa Cobb of Lincoln (1870–1878), E. O. Crosby of Fremont (1872–1877), A. P. Hopkins of Fremont (1877–1882) —, the Davenports settled on L. D. Richards of Fremont as their main agent (1877–1904). Several times mayor of Fremont, and once candidate for governor of Nebraska, Richards acted with the Davenports in joint speculation. He was President of the Western Security and Investment Company which handled the Davenport loaning in Nebraska after 1882. Richards' letters also show the efforts which he and his fellow townsmen were making to develop Fremont in competition with other Nebraska cities like Beatrice and Lincoln. The holdings and investments of the Davenports in Kansas were less important than in the other states listed. A fairly complete description is given in the correspondence with the following: P. P. Elder (1869–1904), a businessman, farmer, and politician of Franklin County, whose letters deal in part with the economic background of Populism; John DeFor (1875–1902), a lawyer of Ottawa; F. M. Shaw & Company (1873–1880), a banking firm of Paolo; and H. C. Jones and J. E. Maxwell (1878–1903). The most enlightening correspondence for Michigan is with R. and J. D. Burns (1869–1894) of Kalamazoo, W. H. Main (1870–1872, 1901) of Owasso and Mungersville, and James M. Turner (1875), President of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company.

Correlating with the correspondence are the account books of Charles, John, and Ira Davenport, Iowa and Dakota, (1869–1896); Charles Davenport for Michigan (1849–1868), for Illinois (1869–1907), and for Nebraska (1871–1905); John Davenport, New York, Dakota, and elsewhere, (1871–1895); John and Ira Davenport, Kansas, (1869–1904); and the accounts of J. W. Waterman for Michigan, and S. A. Foley for Illinois.

The papers relating to investments in railroads, mines, and industries include the articles of incorporation, statements, and correspondence (1884–1886) on the Franklin Sugar Company, Franklin County, Kansas, a sorghum industry of which John Davenport was a trustee and stockholder; agreement, lists of stockholders, and correspondence (1882–1891), largely from George L. Magee of Corning, of the Bituminous Coal Company and the Susquehannah & South Western Railroad Company of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, of which Ira Davenport was a stockholder; accounts and correspondence (1881–1883) of the Williams Harvester Company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, of which Charles Davenport was a stockholder; accounts, payrolls, etc., and a series of letters (1884–1886), largely from the superintendent, on the Great West Mining Company of Richford, Dakota Territory; and a series of letters relating to the Southern Tier Mining Company of Corning, New York (1882–1884). (539, 581)

DAVIES, GENERAL JOHN C. LETTER BOOKS. 1900–1901. 2 vols. Copy books of John C. Davies, attorney-general of New York State (1898–1902), concerned largely with patronage within New York, the enforcement of the Agricultural Act, the political campaign of 1900, activities of the Republican Party within New York, and local politics particularly within Oneida County and Utica. (560)

DECKER, FRANK N. RECORDS. 1915–1945. 7 filing cases. These records include Syracuse Dry Goods Company papers (1923–1929), St. Joseph Hospital papers (1915–1932), Syracuse Hub Corporation papers (1921–1927), Clinton-Noxon Incorporated records (1926–1946), Dairymen's League papers (1927–1931), political papers (1928–1938), papers relating to the milk question (1932–1937), farm and farm labor records (1932–1941), and herd records. (542)

DEVEREUX-KERNAN LETTERS. 1800–1919. 405 pieces. This set of correspondence (typescript) between the Butler and Clapp families of Oxford, the Devereux and Kernan families of Utica, and the Pierrepont family of Pierrepont Manor includes letters relating to the building of the "Appian Way" and the influence of De Witt Clinton in New York (1807), to the trial of General Hull, Aaron Burr's stand concerning the status of a fugitive slave, to banking affairs in Albany, to reactions to the War of 1812 and to Madison's policies (1813–1815), to the establishment of a bank in Utica (1818), and to landlord problems in Chenango County. Other letters relate to

Nicholas Devereux's investments in the western lands of New York, his charitable works, the conversion to Catholicism of his wife, Mary Butler Devereux, his purchase of "the first little church in Hartford," and his founding of the American College in Rome. The Kernan correspondence contains letters of Senator Francis Kernan to his wife and family describing life and manners in Albany, New York, and Washington (1860-1880), and his European tour (1873).

DEVEREUX, NICHOLAS COLLECTION. 1801-1885. 560 pieces. On the liquidation of its interests in the western lands of New York, the Holland Land Company sold 417,970 acres of land in Cattaraugus, Allegany, and Genesee Counties to Nicholas Devereux and Company of Utica, Oneida County. The bulk of the correspondence, reports, land contracts, accounts, and maps in this collection relates to the disposal of this land by Devereux and Company (1836-1856), and by John Devereux and Senator Francis Kernan, the executors of Nicholas Devereux's estate (1856-1884). Included are papers relating to early promotion of the Erie Railroad, and a series of letters (1858-1864) from John Devereux of the Ellicottville Land Office to Francis Kernan of Utica concerning the current problems of land speculation. Included also are papers (1801-1829) relating to Le Ray de Chaumont; agreements, letters, and other papers (1839-1848) relating to the Rossie Lead Mining Company; papers (1844) relating to the division of Chenango County lands among Benjamin C. Butler, James Clapp, Mary D. Devereux, and William C. and Cornelia Pierrepont; and agreements, advertisements, and letters relating to the establishment of a shoe factory in Utica. (606)

DEVEREUX, NICHOLAS LAND RECORDS. 1840-1897. 12 vols. These records include: deed book, Nicholas Devereux, September, 1840 - and a full description of lands owned by him, August, 1843; list of deeds, 1851-1897; land ledger, Nicholas Devereux, 1843-1855; land ledger, 1863-1891; inventory of that part of the Estate of Nicholas Devereux situated in Cattaraugus, Allegany, Chautauqua & Wyoming Counties; general inventory Estate of Nicholas Devereux (deceased); cash book, Estate of Nicholas Devereux (deceased), 1856; journal for the Estate of Nicholas Devereux, 1856-1891; petty ledger, Devereux Land Office, 1867-1882; tax book - Devereux Land Office, Ellicottville, 1868-1882; check book, Bank of Ellicottville, 1882-1884; cash account, Francis Kernan, executor of Nicholas Devereux, 1885-1891. (605, 653)

DIVEN, ALEXANDER S. COLLECTION. 1849-1940. 13 boxes, 1 vol., 7 broadsides. This collection deals with the activities of Alexander S. Diven and his son, George M. Diven, in the development of lands and railroads, largely in New York State, and consists of a number of distinct although usually related sets of papers.

Northern Central Railway Company Assessment Records, 1863-

1902. 3 boxes. Records of George M. Diven, Diven & Redfield, and Diven & Diven, attorneys for the railroads, which include statements of assessments by towns, correspondence with local assessors and railroad agents upon specific problems and general trends, and also with Pennsylvania Railroad Company officials upon tax changes, tax laws, and the effect of legislation such as the Ford Franchise Bill.

Erie Railroad Company Records. 1849-1876. 1 box. Included in these records are agreements and other papers relating to the construction of cattle passes and crossings at Cuba and Elmira, and claims for animals killed and goods lost; papers relating to an investigation into the private use by employees of materials from the Susquehanna Shop (1864-1865); tax assessments records (1857-1870); station agents' reports (1869); papers relating to legal cases, *New York & Erie Railroad Company v. Buffalo & State Line* (1857-1860); a lease, Buffalo, New York & Erie Railroad Company to the Erie Railway Company, Feb. 27, 1863; a report of James C. Spencer as to the receipts and disbursements of the receiver of the Erie Railway Company, May 27, 1875, to January 1, 1876. Also included is a description of a flood in Corning, 1865.

Miscellaneous railroad papers. 1881-1889. 1 box. Largely claims against the Pennsylvania & New York Canal & Railroad Company and the Geneva, Ithaca & Sayre Railroad Company and the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company.

Cayuga Lake Railroad Company. 1872-1884. 1 box. This set of papers relates to rights of way and the construction of a trestle and draw bridge by the railroad company at Springport and Union Springs, Cayuga County; to construction at the same places by the Geneva & Sayre Railroad Company and the Geneva, Ithaca & Sayre Railroad Company; and includes correspondence of William Stevenson and other officials of the Geneva & Sayre Railroad Company with C. T. Backus, president of the First National Bank, and R. B. Howland, B. Robinson, and other businessmen of Union Springs.

Auburn & Ithaca Railway Company. 1889-1898. These papers relate to the purchase by George M. Diven of a portion of the Ithaca, Auburn & Western Railroad, his lease of the same to the Auburn & Ithaca Railroad Company, and the release to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; and includes G. M. Diven's correspondence on these subjects with Wm. Stevenson, J. R. Fanshawe, Charles Hartshorne, and other officials of the Lehigh Valley.

Chemung Railroad Company. 1849-1906. 1 box. This set of papers includes agreements, by-laws, maps, excerpts (1849-1850) from Chemung Railroad accounts, and miscellaneous material; papers relating to the consolidation (1886) of the Chemung Railroad Company, Elmira, Jefferson and Canandaigua Railroad Company, and the Sodus Bay & Southern Railroad Company into the Elmira and Lake Ontario Railroad Company; and papers upon this consolidation

which include letters to George M. Diven from J. S. Leib, treasurer of the Chemung Railroad and the Northern Central Railway, on the transfer of Chemung Railroad stock, from Edmund Smith, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, on the consolidation, and also letters from Stephen W. White, secretary of the Northern Central Railway, on the formation of and the consolidation with the Elmira and Lake Ontario Railroad Company of the Canandaigua Lake Railroad Company.

Sodus Bay & Southern Railroad Company. 1852-1898. 3 boxes. This set of papers includes releases and deeds for rights of way, lists of defective or missing titles to 1873, receipts and disbursements (1857-1873), correspondence between attorneys of towns along the railroad as to deeds and mortgages, agreements and resolutions of the board of directors as to the Sodus Point purchase and the construction of crossings at Newark and railroad intersections, and papers relating to passes, lumber contracts, United States mail-contracts and oaths; papers relating to negotiations of the Northern Central Railway Company for control of the Sodus Bay & Southern Railroad Company with the correspondence including series of letters (1884-1891) from and between George M. Diven of Elmira, E. H. Harriman and William A. Smith of New York, Sylvanus J. Macy and Edward Harris of Rochester, Stephen White, John Scott, and James A. Logan of Philadelphia, and others on the agreement, corporate laws, rates, rights of way, stock, clearing of the title, the attitude of "foreign" railroads toward the legislation of New York, and other matters involved in the negotiations; and a series of letters and other papers (1881-1882) relating to the interest of the Northern Central Railway in the Elmira Basin mortgage; and a series of letters (1895-1898) relating to the alleged unlawful occupation by Northern Central of a government pier at Great Sodus Bay and the settlement of the dispute. Included are maps.

Allegany County Lands. 1852-1878. 1 box. This set of papers includes deeds, bonds, statements of sales, mortgages, land contracts, surveys, tax lists, tax redemption statements, accounts, legal briefs, and correspondence relating to the disposal of 3,371 acres of land in the Gardiner, Lawrence, Oliphant, and Patterson tracts, Allegany County. The lands were purchased from John B. Church and William J. Forbes by Alexander S. Diven, Sylvester G. Andrus, Thomas Noyes, Jervis Langdon, and Thomas R. Brayton in 1852, and handled by W. W. Ballard & Company with M. W. Pike as land agent.

Kentucky Lands. 1872-1900. 2 boxes. This set of papers concerns the acquisition of 10,260 acres of Rowan County, Kentucky, lands by Alexander S. Diven from Benjamin Loder for \$10,000 in 1872, and the management of the land by Samuel McKee, an agent and attorney of Louisville; includes a series of letters from Loder and his heirs as to the faulty titles; and a long series of letters from McKee

discussing in detail the loss of acreage through lawsuits and conflicting claims, the activities of timber thieves, squatters, and feuding mountaineers, and the timber and ore resources; letters from lumbering concerns; and a series of letters (1887-1896) from George T. Carter of Pittsburgh, a fellow investor in Kentucky lands, discussing the agent McKee, "the civil war", lumbering possibilities, and the worthlessness of the lands held by himself, the Divens, the Blake Estate, and Walston H. Brown of New York.

SIMEON DOWNING AND COMPANY LETTER. 1856. 1 item. A letter from Simeon Downing & Co., Auctioneers, Chicago, Illinois, Dec. 31, 1856, to Mr. H. W. Johnson requesting more complete information as to price and location of lands in Wisconsin he wishes to sell. In exchange for *property*, lands or lots improved, a *depot of patent medicines* together with the same outstanding on commission with good merchants and druggist to amount of \$4,500, etc. (537)

DRYDEN MUTUAL PROTECTION SOCIETY. 1867-1916. 1 vol. Records of the society from its formation (1867) in Varna to its disbanding in Etna. Tompkins County. (472)

EDWARDS ACCOUNT BOOKS. 1840-1900. 64 vols. General accounts; cattle accounts (1850-1891); lumbering accounts (1859-1900). Lisle, Broome County. (497)

EDWARDS, WALTER W. MISCELLANEA. 1806-1848. 16 items. Included are items relating to and a photograph of Hiram Corson; "A Fast Sermon" by Rev. S. Ottman, Penn Yan, 1861; letters from Michigan relating to a revival (1866), and from Campbell's Settlement, Steuben County, relating to land, prices, crops, and settlement (1806); and Cornelliana. (583, 687)

ELLIS SCRAPBOOKS. 1924-1933. 2 vols. These scrapbooks contain correspondence, clippings, and other papers relating to the activities of Edith M. Ellis (Mrs. Willard W. Ellis) in the Democratic State Committee, the Democratic Union, the New York Federation of Women's Clubs, and other organizations, and include letters from James A. Farley, Miss Helen Keller, Herbert H. Lehman, Mrs. Caroline O'Day, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and others. Ithaca, Tompkins County. (498)

FARMERS LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY RECORDS. 1929-1866. 3 boxes, 7 vols., 5 vols. (in microfilm).

When the Holland Land Company went out of business in 1835, the Farmers Loan and Trust Company, one of the earliest of the investment trust companies to commence operations in the United States, absorbed the bulk of its interest in the lands of Western New York. By 1840, the Farmers Loan and Trust had invested \$2,647,071.50 through trusts in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, New York, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties. These records give the history of the various trusts between 1835 and

1856. They constitute an indispensable source of information for the student of agrarian history in New York State, and in the nation as a whole.

The records include abstracts of title, agreements of sale and articles of trust, copies of the deeds and the contract schedules used to transfer title, detailed maps of townships where the transfers took place, resolutions by officers of the company, powers of attorney to company agents, schedules of land and of mortgage foreclosures, bills of costs, accounts of cattle received in payments on mortgages, and other material relating to the management of the business. The 9 volumes include accounts for the Batavia and Buffalo Land Offices (1838-1842, 1848-1852, 1852-1855), land tables for the Batavia Land Office (1842-1857), a register of deeds for the Farmers Loan and Trust (1841-1866), schedules for mortgages for Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties (1833-1857), and appraisals of lands in Wyoming County (1847-1848). The microfilmed copies of the first five letter-books of the presidents of the company cover the period from the creation of the parent organization, the Farmers Fire Insurance and Loan Company, in 1832, to 1854; include hundreds of letters to agents, attorneys, and others, among them being Herman J. Redfield, Benjamin Pringle, Junius A. Smith, and John Lowber of Batavia, Washington Hunt of Lockport, Truman Lewis of Orangeville, Wyoming County, and Staley N. Clarke of Ellicottville, Cattaraugus County; and touch upon every aspect of the business, land sales, mortgage payments, foreclosures, defaulting, acceptance of payments in kind on land debts, and the like. Many of the letters in these volumes from the presidents, Henry Seymour, Lewis Curtis, R. C. Cornell, Dow D. Williamson, and from the secretary, R. K. Delafield, throw light on conditions in the money and security markets of New York, and show how the company gradually shifted its emphasis from land as a field of investment to state securities and to railroads. Included are letters to Horatio Seymour, Eratus Corning, James S. Wadsworth, Cornelius Vanderbilt, August Belmont, Charles Butler, George B. Upton, Bostonian railroad officials, Charles Williams of Philadelphia, Whiting and Adams of Detroit, and to foreign firms, the Rothschilds, Thomas Wilson and Company of London, and Hope and Company of Amsterdam. (659)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CORTLAND RECORDS. 1801-1900. 34 items. These records include the book of minutes (1801-1813), a manuscript history by Asa Starr (n.d.), an anonymous history (1899), minutes of the Baptist Missionary Society (1884-1891), and other material. Cortland County. (507)

FLOWER ACCOUNT BOOK. 1853-1868. 1 vol. Shoemaker accounts of Lucius L. Flower. Reynoldsville, Schuylar County. (532)

FLOWER FAMILY COLLECTION. 1770-1834. 103 pieces. An elec-

trocopied set of papers relating largely to the Revolutionary War and including letters between members of the Flower family of Springfield, Connecticut, volunteer lists, military orders, indentures, and broadsides. Connecticut. (578)

FORD, JAMES LEDGER. 1830-1846. 1 vol. Accounts for rent received, labor, a general store, a grist, and lumber mill. Lawrenceville, Tioga County, Pennsylvania. (503)

FOREST HOME, REMINISCENCES OF. 1860-1947. 17 pp. ms. Reminiscences by Walter W. Edwards about early industries, families, houses, social, and political life in Forest Home. Tompkins County. (552)

FRANCIS FAMILY PAPERS. 1776-1798. 14 pieces. This set of papers includes the journal (1776) of Colonel Ebenezer Francis which relates his activities from the time he set out from Cambridge camp and his contacts with General Washington, other patriot officers, and the Continental Congress, describes many New England towns, skirmishes, and ship-movements, repeats army gossip, and tells of a plot by the Mayor of New York to seize General Washington; Francis family letters describing a visit to Harvard College (1787), and discussing the division of family property, the use of land warrants in Ohio, and the sale of land in Georgia with comparative prices (1796); a spinning verse sung at the Rev. M. Dana's house in Ipswich, and other papers. (555)

FULTON HOTEL COMPANY RECORDS. 1853-1857. 1 vol. Building agreements, accounts of building and other costs. Fulton, Oswego County. (544)

GABRIEL LETTER, 1918. 1 piece. A letter describing the last hours before the Armistice, 1918, by Professor Harry S. Gabriel. Ithaca, Tompkins County. (646)

GATES-MOORE FAMILY PAPERS. 1847-1913. 9 boxes, 1 vol. These papers include accounts, miscellanea, and letters by Lillian Gates and Mrs. Katherine Moore (1847-1910) relating to investments in land and tenancy in Michigan, North Dakota, Illinois, and Oklahoma, and also investments in East Lynn Railroad and other eastern enterprises; correspondence of James G. Moore, consultant engineer at the United States Naval Base, Key West, Florida, with the Florida Coast Line Company and the Piedmont Traction Company of Charlotte, North Carolina; a diary (1897) of a trip to New Orleans, and items (1902) relating to a transatlantic cruise; a general family account book (1882-1886); and bills, bankbooks, and clippings. Savona, Steuben County. (461)

GERMAN PIONEER LETTERS. 1822-1846. 2 pieces. Letters in German from Illinois (1822, 1846) describing life on frontier farms, prices, conditions, and the opportunities for settlement. (538)

- GODDARD, SOLOMON LAND PAPERS. 1855–1869. 47 pieces. Patent assignments, tax receipts, correspondence, and bill of costs for a land investment (640 acres) in Cerro Gordo, Worth County, Iowa, by Solomon Goddard of Truxton. Cortland County. (475)
- GREENFIELD, ARCHIBALD PAPERS. 1820–1858. 22 pieces, 1 vol. Farm and household accounts, and items relating to highway development, and the establishment of the Locke Methodist Episcopal Church. Cayuga County. (486)
- GREGG, JOHN RECORDS. 1789–1841. 56 items. Included are miscellaneous accounts of John Gregg and his family, and a lease (1830) for a blacksmith furnace with a steam engine in Pittsford, Monroe County. Wayne County. (634)
- GROSS COLLECTION. 1804–1900. 1 box, 2 vols. Miscellaneous papers of the Quin and Eyer families of Northumberland County, and the Walter, Philips, and Gross families of Union County, Pennsylvania, which include deeds, bills, lumber, iron mining, and patent rights agreements, and records (1838–1900) of highway and poor-house overseers. East Buffalo Township, Pennsylvania. (468)
- HALLETT, SAMUEL COLLECTION. 1834–1861. 21 pieces. This set of papers includes letters from and to Samuel Hallett, James McHenry, George Francis Train, General C. L. Warde (July 20, 1858–February 21, 1859) relating to the promotion of the Atlantic and Great Western Railway Company, to a contract for rails in England, and to a private understanding between the promoters; and a resolution, a prospectus with testimonials, and a printed pamphlet relating to the case of Hallett &ca. vs. McHenry &ca. (490)
- HAMMONDSPORT WINE COMPANY. 1920–1928. 93 pieces. Accounts, sheets, and correspondence with stockholders and others relating to the disposal of the plant and stock after the Volstead Act, to the sale of votes against the company, a resulting judgment, the seizure of champagne, a sheriff's sale of the property, and a subsequent suit by the federal government. Corning, Steuben County. (488)
- HAYES LETTERS. 1883–1885. 48 pieces. A series of letters including 9 from A. N. Hayes, Seneca, South Carolina, to Hamilton N. Hayes, Pitcher Springs, Chenango County, commenting on crops, disastrous fires, and local conditions. (480)
- HOTCHKISS, HIRAM G. PAPERS. 1828–1870. 10 storage file cases. (A recently acquired set of Hotchkiss Papers, as yet unorganized, covers the following 70 years of the business.) This comprehensive set of papers including accounts, correspondence, banking records, broadsides, prices current, market guides, and other material deals almost entirely with the development of the essential oils industry in Lyons, Wayne County, by Hiram G. Hotchkiss and his family. The industry began in Phelps, Ontario County, from which Hiram

G. removed in 1841 leaving his brother Leman to carry on his own oil business. Both had general stores, dealt in wheat, flour, and other produce, and established banks in their respective towns. Working together, they might have cornered the world market for essential oils, but acting as actual competitors, they drove up prices on crude oils and allowed other competitors a foothold. Accounts and an apparently complete set of letters show the development of the business in detail, while the reports and letters from long successions of brokers in New York, Boston, and London throw light on the manipulations of the domestic and foreign markets. Besides the material on the oil industry, the papers include the accounts and letters relating to flour sales (1841-1845) in Indiana and New York by the Hotchkiss' agents, Dow & Cary; an agreement, Hotchkiss & Co. with Dow & Cary, to build a flour mill at Seneca Falls; deeds, correspondence, and other material relating to lands in Niagara, Ontario, and Wayne Counties, and in Michigan; correspondence (1845) relating to Hotchkiss opposition to proposals made by the Auburn & Rochester Railroad; and correspondence (1850-1858) between Hiram G. and his brother, Calvin Hotchkiss, a banker of Lewiston, regarding the construction of a suspension bridge over the Niagara to Queensborough, the building of a plank road, the use of water power, the consequent rise of land values, the attitude of Lockport and Buffalo toward building a ship canal around Niagara Falls, the plan for an international bridge, railroad developments, and local, state, or national political manoeuvres as to the same. Wayne County. (673)

HOWARD DONATION. 1903-1937. 4 boxes. Sermons of Rev. Lawrence R. Howard of Thompson, Connecticut, who had a varied career as a liberal Presbyterian and Congregational clergyman in at least six states and as a chaplain in the First World War. (596)

HULCE, MARTIAL R. COLLECTION. 1786-1893. 12 boxes. Correlating with the Hulce Family Collection, this set of papers deals largely with lumbering along the Delaware River (1832-1893), and includes among its political items several letters relating to "Black Republicanism" (1857) and Democratic Party plans (1859). (579)

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS RECORDS. 1853-1857. 1 vol. Secretary's records for the Sunlight Lodge of Upper Lisle. Broome County. (517)

ITHACA ORGAN AND PIANO COMPANY. 1882. 1 piece. Stock certificate, 400 shares, to Willard Fiske. (465)

JOHNSON, SIR WILLIAM LETTERS. 1770, 1792. 2 photostats. From Joseph Chew to Sir William, June 20, 1770: Chew expects to visit Johnson Hall with Mr. Robinson to discuss the interest of several Long Island gentlemen in Sir William's Susquehanna lands, and comments on the Sons of Liberty in Boston. Chew to William

- K. Van Rensselaer, Dec. 17, 1892: Chew discusses Van Rensselaer's interest in purchasing the Charlotte River lands willed by Sir William to his brothers and sisters. (463)
- KAATS-KILL PATENT PARTITION BOOK. 1764-1769. 1 vol., ms. Accounts of the division of the Kaats-Kill patent. (508)
- KINGSLEY FAMILY MISCELLANEA. 1753-1942. 34 pieces. Included are 4 deeds to Salmon, Owen, and Stephen Kingsley (1753-1801), Connecticut and Massachusetts; deeds to Rebekah and Stephen Kingsley (1804, 1808), Chenango and Madison Counties; deeds (1836, 1852, 1852) to seats in the Baptist and Methodist Episcopal Churches, Wayne, Wayne County; the social records, and the chicken and egg accounts of Mary Robie Kingsley; a 3 pp. ms., "Annals of St. Thomas Church of Bath," Steuben County; "History of Bath," by Mrs. Kenzie, (1947); "Reminiscences of Corning," by George W. Pratt, (1884); testimony in the case of United States vs. William S. Hubbell, with charge to jury, Bath, (1837). (493, 518, 585, 657)
- LA RUE-CAMPBELL COLLECTION. 1828-1935. 1 box. Miscellaneous papers relating to the La Rue and Campbell families of Watertown, and including material (1888-1930) relating to the political interests of Judge J. Frank La Rue and Ebenezer Campbell, and to Republican Party activity. Jefferson County. (642)
- LEDYARD SCHOOL ACCOUNTS. 1844-1901. 1 vol. Account book for Ledyard, District #6. Cayuga County. (656)
- LYCEUM THEATRE PROGRAMS. 1894-1925. 1,786 pieces. Ithaca, Tompkins County. (485)
- LYONS COMPANY RECORDS. 1888-1942. 213 vols. Accounts, and letter-books (1897-1906) of S. G. Lyons of Aurora, cattle, grain, and lumber dealers. Cayuga County. (639)
- MCINTYRE & KELLOGG COLLECTION. 1797-1866. 1 box. This set of miscellaneous papers relating to the McIntyre family of Broadalbin and the Kellogg family of Whitestown and New Hartford includes correspondence between the brothers James and Archibald McIntyre, alternating Members (1798-1822) from Montgomery County, concerning politics, their friend De Witt Clinton, their interests in lands and in iron mining and manufacturing in North-eastern New York, and Archibald's interest (1837) in the State Agricultural Society and a State Agricultural school; a letter (1824) concerning the demands of iron interests in Essex and Clinton Counties for a high tariff; papers relating to Archibald McIntyre of German-town, assistant-treasurer of the U. S. Mint, and to McIntyre coal interests in Pennsylvania; accounts, agreements, and other material (1797-1820) relating to the wheat and grist-mill interests of Samuel and Frederick Kellogg of Whitestown; school accounts (1825-1826, 1840) for New Hartford, and an agreement (1803) for Seneca Road Company stock. Montgomery and Oneida Counties. (616)

MCMASTER & PARKHURST LEGAL PAPERS. 1860-1897. 19 boxes.

This set of papers relating to the practice of Guy M. McMaster (Steuben County Judge) and his partner (1872-1887), J. F. Parkhurst, contains much material on the contemporary history of Steuben and neighboring counties, and includes papers on the organization and finances of the Urbana Wine Company (1867-1882), the development of the First National Bank of Bath, the New York Lackawanna and Western Railroad, the Portage Creek and Rich Valley Railroad, and lumbering interests in the vicinity. Steuben County. (491)

MALONE ITEMS. 5 items. Photographs of Malone and of Indian hop-workers. Franklin County. (477)

MANSFIELD PAPERS. 1825-1869. 3 items. Composition and entry book of Maria Mansfield, 1825-1838; Castle Hall Seminary note book of Maria Mansfield, 1827-1836; Maria Mansfield White's journal of a trip to Florida, 1868-1869. (601)

MASONIC LETTER. 1831. 1 piece. John Buren to James Herring instructing Kingston Lodge members how to behave toward Anti-Masonic forces and after the election. Ulster County. (627)

MATTICE, ASA M. PAPERS. 1862-1899. 5 boxes. This material relates largely to naval reorganization and improvement, and includes correspondence between Asa M. Mattice, naval engineer, and Rear Admirals G. W. Baird, J. B. Smith, G. Kaemmerling, other naval officers, and interested persons regarding the grounding of the *Texas*, the losses of the *Montgomery*, *Armour*, *San Jacinto*, and other vessels, naval academies, the training program for naval engineers at Annapolis, and other matters; a series of letters from George Quick, Wallisdown, England, (1896-1898), to Commodore George Wallace Melville on the English navy and naval affairs, including one of December 2, 1896, giving an engineering history of the British navy (1860-1885), and one, December 30, 1896, from Lord Charles Beresford on compulsory military training; a letter of December 29, 1896, describing the visit of the Emperor William to the U. S. S. N. Y.; general court proceedings and inquiries concerning 20 personnel; contracts with the Columbian Iron Works & Dry Dock Company (1896) for the construction of gun boats, cruisers, and other vessels; Mattice's specifications for machinery for the *Maine* and other vessels; and letters and resolutions concerning congressional action on military and naval affairs. (502)

MERIAN & RICHARDS IRON MINE RECORDS. 1845-1869. 5 vols.

Account books of the Merian & Richards Iron Mine, and the Wadhams Mills (1845-1846, 1846-1847, 1853-1855, 1862-1863, 1867-1869). Westport, Essex County. (644)

MERRILL DIARY. 1864. 1 item. Diary of Luke Tuttle Merrill of Horseheads describing his journey to Tennessee, his work loading

army supplies and on a railroad near Bull Run, and his work in a cabinet shop in Horseheads. Chemung County. (478)

MILITARY RECORDS. 1863–1864. 20 pieces. Ordnance and ordnance stores returns, muster rolls, and other records of Company A, 108th Regiment, New York State Volunteer Infantry. Steuben County. (493)

MORGAN, EDWIN BARBER PAPERS. 1849–1854. 302 pieces. This set of papers is concerned principally with elections in the 25th Congressional District of New York in 1850, when Edwin B. Morgan, Whig candidate for Congress on a platform of high protectionism, free soil, and the repeal of the Fugitive Slave Law was defeated by the Loco-Foco candidate, Thomas Y. How. They include material on the Whig nominating convention at Homer, details of the congressional campaign and the defeat of Morgan; a few papers (1850–1854) concerned with state and national politics and the elections of 1852, in which Morgan succeeded in winning a seat in Congress; and letters from Horace Greeley, William H. Seward, and local politicians. Cayuga County (550)

MORGAN COLLECTION. 1840–1888. 15 items. This collection includes a petition (1840) from citizens of Tompkins County urging the appointment of Isaac Hance as assistant-keeper in the Auburn prison; correspondence (1858–1864) between Morgan and Mosher of Aurora concerning shipments of coal and produce; a letter from John Selkreg, editor of the *Ithaca Journal*, to Edwin B. Morgan, June 25, 1865, proposing Ezra Cornell as governor of New York; and a letter from Joseph Esty of Ithaca to Henry Morgan of Aurora (1859) concerning a suit against the directors of the Tompkins County Bank. Cayuga and Tompkins Counties. (641)

MORRILL COLLECTION. 1814–1937. 5 boxes, 1 vol. A miscellanea which includes Senator Justin Morrill's estimates for building his house at Stratford, Vermont, newspaper clippings (1869–1897) relating to his activities, petitions to Congress requesting constitutional amendments to secure the Northern political victory and Negro rights, and petitions (1866) from citizens of Massachusetts requesting direct election of the executive, a volume of Justin S. Morrill obituary notices from newspapers throughout the country, photographs, speeches, and articles written by the Senator, and material relating to the 75th Anniversary of the Land-Grant Colleges. Included is a letter from Horace Greeley (1859) discussing the Coal Duty Bill. (594)

MORRISVILLE STATION MILLING COMPANY RECORDS. 1850–1921. 2 boxes, 267 vols. These records include deeds, the agreements of the Todd family (1850–1855) as to a woolen factory, a grist mill, and land; accounts, invoices, and other records relating to the milling, lumbering, general store and feed business of Zerah A. Todd

- and son (1876–1893); and records of the Morrisville Station Milling Company (1916–1921). Madison County. (471)
- MUNROE, ALLEN LETTERS. 1850. 3 pieces. Letters to John Townsends from Allen Munroe reporting on the construction of new salt works, on the conflict between the owners of the salt works and the Common Council of Syracuse over the opening of Jefferson and Fayette Streets, and on the health menace of the sewers, race, and pond of the salt works. Onondaga County. (590)
- NELSON LICENSE. 1824. 1 piece. Butcher's license for William Nelson, Essex Market, New York City. (479)
- OSBORNE FAMILY PAPERS. 1804–1857. 63 pieces. This set of papers includes letters from Ebenezer Francis Osborne describing his life as a clerk (1819) in the firm of Osborne and Young, New York City, a serious yellow fever epidemic in New York City, a voyage as supercargo (1825–1828) to Rio de Janeiro, Valparaiso, Arica, Lima, and other South American cities, trading opportunities, social, political, and military activities, and the attitude of the people of Lima toward the intended visit of Bolivar. Also included are a series of letters (1831–1839) describing social life in New England and public opinion as to the effect of the death of Ralph Waldo Emerson's wife; a series (1840–1848) describing life and a flour and store business in the river town of Louisiana, Missouri; a series (1848–1857) describing life in Sandusky, Ohio; and a letter (1856) describing a Northerner's reactions to life in the South. (555)
- OSWEGO CANAL MAPS. 1834. 2 ms. vols. A detailed survey of the canal by Holmes Hutchinson with explanatory remarks by the Canal Commissioners. (547)
- OSWEGO RIVER BANK AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FULTON RECORDS. 1855–1877. 325 pieces, 5 vols. The Oswego River Bank records (1855–1877) include articles of association, election of directors, minutes, bills for original equipment, accounts with other banks, daily accounts, balance sheets, correspondence with the Bank Department of Albany and the Treasury Department, certificates of the destruction of currency, and other papers. The First National Bank records (1864–1905) include drafts of the articles of incorporation and by-laws, lists of subscribers, minutes, accounts, and correspondence. Fulton, Oswego County. (546)
- PARKER ACCOUNTS. 1893–1901. 3 vols. Insurance company and personal accounts of Eugene F. Parker. Bath, Steuben County. (529)
- PARMA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS. 1812–1863. 131 pieces. These records include articles of formation, membership lists, church letters, Sunday school records, appeals for funds, charges against and trials of various members, a protest against the appointment of a minister of the Oberlin Association (1842), and other material. Monroe County. (510)

- PATCHIN, WARREN PAPERS. 1830-1877. 16 pieces. Deeds, accounts, and agreement with specifications and costs for building a plank road near Cohocton, 1830. Steuben County. (493)
- PEARSON LETTER, 1898. 1 item. Letter, February 15, 1898, Havana, Cuba, from Charles Herbert Pearson describing the explosion of the ship *Maine* in the Harbor and the aftermath of the explosion. (592)
- PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS. 1927. 346 pieces. A set of letters, solicited by Professor Asa E. Martin, Pennsylvania State College, which list manuscript holdings relating to Pennsylvania history in libraries, historical societies, and other depositories. (462)
- PIKE FAMILY PAPERS. 1810-1867. 25 pieces. Letters to the Pike family of Norwich, Chenango County (1817-1837), and of Cortland (1837-1844) from relatives and friends of Burlington, Pennsylvania, and White Water, Wisconsin, relating to farming, lumbering, and social problems, and including a letter (1840) describing an election celebration at Troy, Rensselaer County. (509)
- PRATT FAMILY ACCOUNTS. 1901-1919. 8 pieces, 2 vols. Personal accounts, Gertrude Pratt (1901-1903); farm accounts, Bert A. Pratt and family (1903-1919). Chenango County. (600)
- PULTENEY LAND OFFICE RECORDS. 1884-1925. 18 vols. Accounts of the Pulteney Estate. Steuben County. (658)
- RICHARDSON ACCOUNTS. 1892-1898. 1 vol. The personal, family, rental, and mortgage loan accounts of F. W. Richardson of Newark Valley, Tioga County. (521)
- ROBIE, REUBEN E. PAPERS. 1888-1905. 5 boxes. These papers concern the investments in western lands made by Reuben E. Robie, an attorney of Bath, Steuben County, and include letters and other material from H. W. Sinclair of Fairmont, Charles P. Bressie of Rushville, Nebraska, and Samuel A. Foley of Lincoln, Illinois; letters of J. H. Thompson of Petersburg, Nebraska, which include information (1896) about the effect of the panic of 1893 on Nebraska farmers; and a run (1890-1901) of letters and reports from William Thomas of Mankato, Minnesota, which contains detailed information on the mortgage business and local conditions, and refers (1894) to the Populist movement and the using of foreclosures as a weapon against it. (678)
- ROSENBLOOM ACCOUNTS. 1905-1934. 11 vols. Accounts of Marcus, Isaac, and Clara Rosenbloom, Syracuse, for real estate. Onondaga County. (574)
- RUTHERFORD COLLECTION. 1819-1897. 2 boxes. This collection of deeds, accounts, and letters deals largely with land investments by Thomas R. Rutherford in Steuben County, Michigan, and Minnesota, and with timber investments in North Carolina. Steuben County. (677)

SANDY CREEK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH RECORDS. 1859–1875. 1 vol. Records of the Ladies' Sewing Society (1859–1860), and of the Sociable Society (1869–1875). Oswego County. (496)

SALTER, JOSEPH COLLECTION. 1837–1869. 30 items. Miscellaneous papers which include a series of letters (1844) relating to the shipping of salt by H. W. Dumford & Co. of Syracuse; and a letter from J. Mappa, Trenton, Oneida County, giving the reason for his defeat as a candidate for the assembly. Oneida and Onondaga Counties. (512)

SEYMOUR, HORATIO COLLECTION. 1741–1886. 7 boxes, 11 vols.

The papers in this collection concern the Seymour family, and the related Tibbits and Bleecker families. Relating largely to the history and disposal of lands (Albany, Herkimer, Oneida, and other counties) acquired in the colonial period by the Bleecker family, the Bleecker papers include deeds to Rutger, Barent, and John Bleecker, surveys by John Lawyer (1786) and others, partition deeds, a statement (1794–1802) of the legal expenses incurred for Cosby's Manor by Rutger Bleecker, John Bradstreet, John Scott Morin, and Philip Schuyler, Bleecker accounts with Philip Schuyler, accounts by agents of farms and rents, material (1816–1846) relating to the draining of lands on Canasara Creek, letters from Goldsbro'w Banyar, Richard Lansing, and numerous others, Bleecker accounts with Horatio Seymour and Benjamin Tibbits, Horatio Seymour letters, and material relating to the settling of the Estate. Papers relating to the Tibbits family include inventories of property and household goods, accounts with Horatio Seymour, correspondence dealing with the settling of the Tibbits Estate, and a series of letters (1861–1865) from Clarkson Tibbits to Horatio Seymour. Included in the papers of Henry, John, and Horatio Seymour are letters (1816–1826) from Alexander B. Johnson and Henry Green concerning the interest of the Utica Insurance Company in banking problems; general store, lumbering, and boat accounts; Horatio Seymour diaries and accounts; letters from Horatio Seymour's agents, Frazier Spraker and Henry Green; letters (1859) concerning the Fox & Wisconsin Improvement Company; family letters; and a long run (1859) of letters to Horatio Seymour. A file of papers concerning the Saint Mary's Falls Ship Canal Company includes material (1855–1858) relative to the incorporation of the company, estimates (1852–1855) for construction, statements (1853–1856) of expenses, statements of lands selected for the canal in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas of Michigan, letters from Eratus Corning, Mr. Brock, D. C. Whitwood, George S. Trast, and a series of letters from Charles T. Harvey, and reports, circulars, and other material dealing with the Utica officers and directors of the company, among whom was Horatio Seymour. (694)

SIZER FAMILY COLLECTION. 1811–1871. 34 pieces, 1 vol. These papers include a letter (1849) from Sandusky, Ohio, on the ravages of

frontier diseases, and on Kit Carson; and a scrapbook of political editorials and correspondence (1839-1863) by Thomas J. Sizer, largely from the *Buffalo Daily Republic* and the *Buffalo Commercial Advertiser*, with slavery as a particular subject. (511)

LYMAN SPALDING PAPERS. 1815-1850. 279 pieces. A significant set of papers which throws light on the intellectual history of Western New York and on anti-slavery in the North (1822-1836). Lyman Spalding, a merchant, Quaker, reformer, and abolitionist, living in Lockport from 1823, wielded considerable influence in Western New York through his newspapers and activities.

The papers include correspondence to Spalding relating to his mercantile business in Canandaigua, Ontario County (1817-1823), and in Lockport, Niagara County (1823-1850), to his manufacture of agricultural implements in Lockport (1840's), to merchandising in New York and the Midwest (1820-1840), and to banking in Rochester and New York (1819-1824), to labor, land, and lumbering in Michigan Territory (1817-1835).

Included are letters from Thomas B. Barnum of Canandaigua (1823-1824), editor of the *Freeman* and co-editor with Spalding of *Plain Truth*; letters from Elisha Dean of Rochester (1829-1830) on local affairs, court cases, and the election of 1830; letters from Holmes Hutchinson, surveyor, on personal affairs and on surveys in New England, on the Erie and other canals; letters from Elihu Francis Marshall, city treasurer of Rochester, reformer and newspaper man, printer and publisher, on personal affairs, on business, banking, politics, and churches in Rochester, and satirizing the "Missionary spirit"; a letter (1826) describing missionary activities and influence in the Society Islands; letters from H. Newcomb of Rochester (1820's) on politics, business, and the press. Many of the letters in the 1820's comment on the political and economic agitation over the construction and functioning of the Erie and other canals.

Included are letters relating to the establishment by Spalding of the newspaper *Priestcraft Exposed*, the manuscript editorials and articles for the first issue, and other letters concerning its relationship to *Plain Truth*.

Included are 3 letters to Spalding from Benjamin Lundy, April 16, 1835, January 1 and July 26, 1836, relating to his plan to establish a colony in Mexico, to the "Mexican Insurrection", and to Lydia Maria Francis Child's intention to settle in the colony, and mentioning John Quincy Adams' purchase for distribution of 150 Texas pamphlets. Included also is a plea by Oliver Wetmore of Utica, secretary of the N. Y. S. S. A., to the president of local abolitionist groups to subsidize the *Standard Democrat* of Utica as an abolitionist newspaper. Niagara County. (522)

STERLING, LORD LETTERS. 1777-1796. 4 photostats. Letters from Lord Sterling relating to Revolutionary War activities, and a power

of attorney (1796) from Lady Sterling in the matter of voting for directors of the Bank of the United States. (463)

STEVENSON COLLECTION. 1849-1912. 198 pieces. This collection throws significant light on the operations of a mid-nineteenth century capitalist, William Stevenson, who lived in North Argyle, Washington County, conducted a general merchandising business there, first alone, and after 1849 in partnership with a nephew, John S. Stewart, and who invested in local mortgages (1839-1852). His investments in mortgages amounted to \$95,000 at his death in 1852. He also had stock in banks in Washington, Westchester, and Rensselaer Counties, and held personal notes amounting to more than \$23,000. These papers are largely concerned with the administration of his estate, and include a detailed inventory, and documents relating to litigation over the mortgages and notes. Argyle, Washington County. (525)

STEWART, COLONEL CHARLES H. PAPERS. 1852-1908. 11 boxes, 9 vols. The bulk of the papers consists of the records (1861-1865) of the 3rd Regiment of Artillery, New York State Volunteers, which was stationed at New Berne, North Carolina, from 1861-1865, and of which Charles H. Stewart of Auburn was colonel. This set included daily reports and correspondence between officers, letters from enlisted men and recruiting agents in New York, and letters regarding political appointments, bounties, the mutinous conduct of the 96th Regiment over delayed pay, conditions in North Carolina following the war, suttlers' claims, the large amount of uninvested capital in Auburn in 1863, and a letter from George Copway, Chippewa chief, missionary, and writer, Rochester, New York, October 14, 1863, stating that in view of his great services to the government in its present situation his son should be promoted. The volumes contain officer rolls, clothing accounts, post orders, post morning reports, and include the regimental letter books with incoming letters describing conflicts at Fort Macon, Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro, and Washington in some detail. (482)

STOWELL BILL OF SALE. 1837. 1 piece. Ithaca, Tompkins County. (622)

STRONG FAMILY RECORDS. 1839-1935. 24 vols. The diaries and daily accounts of a farm family. Lynn and Prattsburg, Steuben County. (489)

TAVERN LICENSE. 1834. 1 piece. License for Hall Tavern, Danby. Tompkins County. (622)

TAVERN RECORDS. 1771-1819. 1 vol. Unidentified tavern and general account book. (515)

TEMPLETON FAMILY LETTERS. 1832-1856. 16 pieces. Letters (1832-1842) from James Templeton, Hennepin, Illinois, to his brother Samuel Templeton, New Berlin, Pennsylvania, on bookselling,

- land costs, farming conditions, and the shortage of money; letters (1849–1856) from Sam Templeton, Freeport, Illinois, to Philip Grass, New Berlin, on labor, land, produce and interest costs, farming conditions, frontier diseases, politics, the need for a post office and craftsmen, and discussing the possibility of exchanging eastern property for land in Illinois. (473)
- THAYER ACCOUNT BOOK. 1794–1885. 1 vol. General and labor accounts. Owego & Newark Valley, Tioga County. (530)
- TOBIN, JAMES LETTER. 1834. 15 pp. From Canandaigua, February 13, 1834, to a friend in Ireland, describing economic, agricultural, political, and social conditions in the Canandaigua region in particular and in the United States in general, with comments on immigration, the development of transportation, and other aspects of American life. Ontario County (466)
- TOLLES, JAMES S. ms. 152 pp. typescript. "History of Bennington, 1802–1877." Wyoming County. (520)
- TOTTEN & SLOSSON ACCOUNTS. 1799–1902. 3 vols. General store accounts for John Slosson (1799–1811, 1812–1832), and for Joseph Totten (1892–1902). Manlius, Onondaga County. (577)
- TRUMP, EDWARD N. 1883–1944. 12 items. A miscellanea relating to the engineering experiences of Edward N. Trump of the Syracuse Semet-Solvay Company. Onondaga County. (580)
- TUCKER, ANSON. 1838. 1 p. ms. Verse relating to the Border War with Canada; *Sir Robert Peel*, *William T. Lester*; and a drinking song. La Fargeville, Jefferson County. (530)
- VAN DER LYN COPY BOOK. 1810–1824. 1 vol. A letter book of Henry Van Der Lyn of Oxford which relates chiefly to the sale, leasing, and development of land, to lumbering, and to political and social life in Chenango County, and which includes letters to Colonel Cady, General Obadiah German, to Abraham R., W. T., and Caleb Lawrence, Robert L. Livingston, Theodore Sill, John Sudam, Simon G. Throop, Gerrit Van Wagenen, and Colonel Marinus Willett, and a letter (1815) to his uncle, John Van Der Lyn, the artist, commenting upon the family, Colonel Burr, the latter's paintings, exhibitions, and appreciation by the public. Chenango County. (527)
- VAN DUZER-SAYRE COLLECTION. 1783–1935. 61 pieces, 2 vols. Included are the general accounts (1807–1817) of James Sayre; J. H. Van Duzer's Journal of a journey to England (1841); and 15 letters (1899–1900) from Theodore Roosevelt to J. S. Van Duzer of Horseheads, largely relating to politics; and a letter to Van Duzer from William O'Neil, 1898, about Roosevelt, his contacts, personality, and campaign. (638)
- VICTOR WAGON WORKS BOOK OF INVOICES. 1901–1903. 1 vol. Invoices for materials shipped to the Victor Wagon Works, Green Island, Rensselaer County. (526)

VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES. 1774-1782. 18 pieces. Petitions and memorials to the House of Delegates: from Timothy Conway (1774) to be allowed a pension as a soldier wounded in the service; from the inhabitants of Stafford (1776) asking a division of the county; from the Indiana Company (1777) and signed by George Morgan (Suffering Traders); from Campbell and Edmondson (1777) protesting an election in Washington County; from Church of England inhabitants (1778) of Cumberland County petitioning for religious toleration, but requesting the restraint of unqualified ministers and the restriction of "nightly meetings"; from Captain Alexander Dick (1779), escaped from a British prison, with a covering letter from Thomas Jefferson referring the petition to Benjamin Harrison; from the inhabitants of Fredericksburg (1780) on court jurisdictions; on the division of parishes (1780); and from Charles Gratiot (1782) asking indemnity. Included are 6 pieces (1779-1780) relating to the case of Captain Charles de Klauman, a volunteer from Denmark, whose appointment to inspect magazines by Patrick Henry is confirmed by Thomas Jefferson; and an appeal (June 19, 1781) by Virginia to Congress for aid. (556)

VIRGINIA SLAVE PAPERS. 1772-1774. 4 pieces. Papers relating to the trial for felony of a slave owned by Joseph Williams, his sentence to death, and his hanging. (556)

VOLNEY LAW AND ORDER SOCIETY RECORDS. 1868. 1 vol. Records of a temperance society. Volney, Oswego County. (554)

WALSWORTH FAMILY COLLECTION. 1826-1857. 10 items. Miscellaneous of the Walsworth family of Cortlandsville, including deeds, receipts, indentures and material from estate of Phineas Wells of Norwich. Chenango and Cortland Counties. (614)

CANVASS WHITE PAPERS. 1814-1835. 609 pieces.

Canvass White (1790-1834) of Whitestown, Oneida County, served in the War of 1812, made surveys on the Erie Canal, visited England to study canals, introduced cement into the United States, manufactured it with his brother Hugh at Chittenango, Madison County, was president of the Cohoes Company, chief engineer of the Delaware Breakwater, the Delaware & Rariton Canal, the Enfield Falls Canal, the Louisville & Portland Canal, the Union Canal, and consulting engineer for the Chambly Canal, the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, the New York Waterworks, the Portsmouth & Lancaster Railroad, for improvements on the Union Canal, and for other engineering projects. His activities during the late 1820's and early 1830's, as expressed in a long series of letters to his brother Hugh, reflect the enthusiasm of the period for internal improvements.

His early papers relating to the War of 1812 include petitions from officers at Fort Erie, Capt. Knapp's Company, New York Volunteers, to Governor Daniel D. Tompkins for indemnification for loss of

baggage in the retreat from Lewiston, July 25, 1814. The papers relating to cement include formulas and patents, manufacturing accounts, petitions to and investigations in the Assembly on the "cement monopoly", and correspondence relating to competition, lawsuits, and sales by Peter Remsen & Co. of New York.

Among the manuscripts relating to his engineering activities are the Enfield Falls Papers (1824-1828) which include agreements, reports and estimates, and correspondence with Alfred Smith, president, Joseph Trumball, lawyer, and Edwin A. Douglass, engineer, relative to construction and to personal differences, and lawsuit papers, *Granger vs. Smith*; the Delaware & Rariton Canal papers (1825-1834) which include agreements, specifications, plans, contracts, monthly reports, labor, timber and other costs, documents relating to litigation with the Camden & Amboy Railroad & Transportation Company, correspondence with officials, engineers, and others, and a final estimate of costs (1834); the Cohoes Company papers (1825-1835) which include agreements and correspondence concerning construction and litigation over a tow-path toll-bridge at the point of the crossing of the Mohawk River by the Champlain Canal; the Delaware Breakwater papers (1829-1831) which include agreements, contracts for the delivery of stone from the Palisades and Maine quarries, accounts, and correspondence with Major Bender, General Jessup, George Olmsted, Peter Remsen, and others; the Union Canal papers (1827-1834) which include estimates, costs, plans, and correspondence with William Lehman, William Read, and others; White's survey for the Erie Canal, sections 146-152, and correspondence concerning a canal project for the north bank of the Mohawk River and competition with the proposed Utica and Schenectady Railroad (1833); specifications for the Groton Aqueduct, and a proposal with specifications for an aqueduct from the Bronx River, and a discussion of the relative merits of the proposals; proposals and specifications for the Chambly Canal; a patent, release, and sales agreement for a canal loading scale (1829); specifications for a cannon foundry, railroad coal cars, canal locks, bridges, and other projects; excavation tables for the Louisville & Portland Canal; and a request (1827) from the office of the Secretary of War for White to investigate the estimates for the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. (609)

HUGH WHITE COLLECTION. 1750-1915. 26 boxes, 40 vols., 1 portfolio of surveys.

In 1792, William Constable of New York City purchased 1,920,000 acres of land in northern New York from Alexander Macomb. In 1819, his son-in-law, Hezekiah Beers Pierpont, took over the lands as yet unsold. Pierpont's son, William Constable Pierrepont, acted as his father's agent, selling some lands, leasing others, and (1827-1829) building Pierrepont Manor House (Jefferson County).

In 1784, Hugh White came from Connecticut and settled at

Whitestown (Oneida County). A large part of this collection is concerned with the activities of his grandson, also Hugh White, a graduate of Hamilton College (1823), a manufacturer of cement, a developer of water-power, a member of Congress (1845-1851), and with the activities of his family. His son, William Mansfield White, married a daughter of William Constable Pierrepont. Hugh White, a son of this marriage, handled the Pierrepont Estate after 1888.

Intimately related to the William Pierrepont White Collections described in this and a prior report, to the Constable Surveys, and the Canvass White Papers, this collection is also related to the Devereux Papers. The owner of extensive lands in southwestern New York, Nicholas Devereux married another of William Constable Pierrepont's daughters. Taken together, these sets of papers throw considerable light on the role of certain large, inter-related families in the history of New York State.

Among the papers in this collection relating to William Constable are land contracts, and letters to Benjamin Wright, acting as agent, from the executors of Constable's estate concerning the sales of land. The Hezekiah B. Pierpont material includes land contracts, documents relating to his Brooklyn properties, his will, and indentures for the settlement of his Estate. While acting as his father's agent, William Constable Pierrepont began to keep careful records of his journeys from New York to Ellisburgh and through the family holdings. These records include diaries and cash books (1820-1850) which contain a wealth of information about the land business, the settlers, and agricultural conditions. Included also are surveys by D. W. Cross and others for Malone, St. Regis, and the townships of Ellisburgh, Albion, Boylston, Lorraine, Orwell, Redfield, and Rodman, inventories (1828-1829, 1838-1873) of land contracts for these townships, tax receipts (1828-1849, 1853-1885), a letter impression survey and deed book (1860-1873) of George E. Parsons, a letter impression book (1883-1888) of Gilbert L. Cross who was acting as Pierrepont's agent, letters and other material (1843-1853) relating to Pierrepont's petition for a post office at the Manor, papers relating to the church on the Manor, letters (1875-1882) from the Adirondack Survey Office regarding the use of Constable and Pierrepont surveys, letters (1864-1883) to and from Pierrepont, and inventories relating to his Estate. Included also is some material concerned with his interest in railroad development.

Most of the material relating to Hugh White's active political interests falls between 1840 and 1867, and includes papers (1840-1844) relating to New York politics, letters (1840-1841) from Benjamin Wright of Richmond, Virginia, on local and national principles, papers on White's victory over the Loco-focos in 1844, reports (1845-1850) from political leaders throughout New York on Whig policies and the political temper in the counties, subscription lists with White

as treasurer for Whig campaign funds in New York and the nation, numerous letters requesting all types of patronage, letters relating to improvement of Hudson River navigation and the tariff, material relating to White's investigation of conditions of education among the Winnebagoes, papers relating to the investigations into the accounts of vessels used to transport troops to Mexico by the Committee of Public Expenditures of which White was the chairman, and reports by the committee, letters from James Buchanan (1845-1846), Gales & Seaton (1845-1846), William L. Marcy (1845-1847), R. J. Walker (1847), John Chambers (1845), T. Butler King (1847), letters from William E. Seward (1846) protesting congressional treatment given White and himself for abusing their franking privileges, and commenting on the Locofocos, the Oregon question, and the President, letters from John W. Taylor (1845) commenting at length upon political tendencies, letters from William J. McAlpine (1845-1853), one of which defends his conduct as dock master in Brooklyn, a letter from Horace Greeley (1867), and a letter from Joseph Smith (1867) comparing Weed and Greeley. In a heavy run of letters (1850-1869) to his son, White constantly comments on political events and tendencies, and advises William Mansfield how to enter and succeed in a political career. Desirous of a political appointment, White visited Abraham Lincoln after the latter's election. On December 1, 1860, he wrote from Springfield that he had spent two evenings alone at home with the Lincolns, "but not one word of policy public or private was discussed or mentioned, no advice asked & none offered, but just such a visit as one would make to an old friend & acquaintance." A letter of December 15th contains additional descriptive information.

The papers relating to Hugh White's life at Hamilton College and to his study of the law with Charles G. Haines are few in number. The considerable number of papers relating to the cement business at Chittenango (1823-1840) and at Greenkills near Kingston (1840-1847) throw light on the difficulties of manufacturing, the inadequacies of canal transportation, and the heavy competition. They include timber, quarry, barrel, and cement accounts and contracts, canal boat clearances, a series of reports from agents, managers, and construction superintendents, J. L. Faulkner (1828-1840), William Lawrence (1826-1830), P. M. Warmen (1840-1846), and from L. William Mansfield (1839-1847) who traveled throughout the East making contracts, and other material.

Included also among the papers relating to Hugh White are subscription lists (1819) for the Oneida Agricultural Society, the same (1828) for the Chittenango Dutch Reformed Church, documents (1825-1860) relating to the incorporation and development of the Cohoes Company, papers (1834-1835) relating to a mortgage on Camden & Amboy stock held by Thomas Biddle & Company of Philadel-

phia, a letter (1847) relating to the problem of making steel in an iron works on Lake Superior, a patent with sketches (1842) for James MacGregor's sub-terrene mine, a list of the stockholders, the minutes, and other material (1849-1860) for the Rome and Utica Plank Road, letters (1845-1847) relating to the Syracuse & Utica Rail Road, accounts (1842-1865) for Baggs' Hotel in Utica, and letters (1853-1854) relating to the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Rail Road. Included also are letters from Washington Hunt (1847-1848), L. P. Hickok (1865-1866), and William E. Young (1852-1863). The account books relate largely to the handling and settlement of the Pierrepont, Van Wagenen, and White Estates by Hugh White, a grandson of the Honorable Hugh White, and by others.

The letters of various members of the Axtell, Duston, Lawrence, Mansfield, Mills, Niles, Porter, Van Wagenen, White, Young, and other related families are in long runs, cover most of the last century, and deal with a great variety of subjects. An unusual number of the runs are complementary. They describe life on a moving frontier from New York to Kentucky and Ohio, to Florida, Mississippi, Missouri, and California, and relate the hardships of developing a cotton plantation in Mississippi, a farm in Missouri, or a gold mine in California, show the settled life back in Connecticut or New York, and the wealth to be gained from investments in land, transportation, or manufacturing, and reveal the niceties of the Select Female Academy and the discipline at West Point. Above all they show the spread of a family across the continent and thus reflect American life and history. (610, 654)

WILLIAM PIERREPONT WHITE, ADDITIONAL PAPERS. 1801-1939. 864 pieces, 11 vols. The bulk of this collection relates to the disposal of Constable lands and the development of Pierrepont Manor, and includes statements of land contracts given by William Constable (1801-1810), an inventory of the Constable Estate (1829), a memorandum of journeys made by William Constable Pierrepont (1819-1829) to the Constable tract, a carpenter's journal and costs for the building of Pierrepont Manor House (1827-1829), crop and hay accounts with comparative costs (1827-1832), memoranda relating to agricultural experiments (1829), lists of bonds for Ellisburgh (1834-1841), Pierrepont Manor Land Office notices (1850's-1880's) lists of deeds, numbers 150 to 459 (1850-1866), and a series of letters (1853-1875) from Franklin B. Hough relating to life boats for Ellisburgh and Oswego, and to other matters. Among the account books are the cash books for the Pierrepont Manor Land Office (1833-1885), and a personal cash book for William Constable Pierrepont (1839-1862). The material of later date relates largely to William Pierrepont White and the Utica Drop Forge Tool Company. Jefferson, Oneida, and Oswego Counties. (565, 586)

WHITESIDE COLLECTION. 1769–1938. 2 boxes. This set of papers (electrocopied) deals largely with the activities of Phineas and John Whiteside, pioneer farmers in Washington County, who acted as agents (1785–1790) in the handling of 3,756 acres of land for Henrietta Maria Colden and her son. The papers include deeds to Phineas Whiteside for 1,011 acres from Alexander Colden (1769) and Richard Nicholas Colden (1775); Henrietta Maria Colden's rent roll (1785) containing detailed information as to lots, names, rents, and terms, and with some rents fixed at 20 bushels of wheat the 100 acres; letters refusing rents in "the New Paper Money" and urging the payment of arrears, refusing payments in cash instead of kind but making an exception for the parsonage lease "in consideration of this being a public benefit"; and other papers relating to tenant-landlord relationships. The papers dealing with Phineas Whiteside and his son John include labor accounts (1792, 1800–1838), slave bills of sale (1800), general accounts (1807–1818), inventories, and a series of letters (1819–1830) from Thomas Whiteside of Champlain relating to mortgages, business, rents in Montreal, and the use of the herb scullcap to treat the victim of a rabid dog. The recent material is genealogical in nature. Clinton and Washington Counties. (643)

WILLERS, DIEDRICH PAPERS. 1826–1927. 20 boxes, 2 vols. This set of papers relates to the activities of Diedrich Willers, pastor of the German Reformed Church at Fayette, Seneca County, and of his son of the same name who was private secretary to Governor Horatio Seymour (1864), the secretary of New York State (1874), deputy-secretary, an assemblyman (1878), and always an ardent worker in the Democratic Party. His papers include letters and other material relating to draft exemptions, Horatio Seymour's stand on the subject of bounties, and the laws relating to the hiring of substitutes (1862–1864); material relating to Governor Seymour's pardons, political prospects in Varick, Poor House investigations, canals and canal appointments (1864); letters and clippings concerning Governor Tilden's policies, and the actions taken by the Romulus Convention (1875); a considerable amount of correspondence concerning Albany politics (1877–1880's); and numerous letters soliciting political favors (1860–1900). Much light is cast on patronage and machine politics by letters to Willers. (652)

WILLIAMS-CRADDOCK FAMILY PAPERS. 1844–1921. 443 pieces. This set of papers relates largely to the school and teaching activities of the Williams and Craddock families of Weedsport, Cayuga County, and includes letters (1847) from Samuel Craddock describing Elizabeth Blackwell, his experiences at Geneva Medical College, and the attempt to steal a cadaver from the graveyard; a long series of the letters of Diana Craddock Williams and her daughters Ida and Alice relating to student, teaching, and social activities at Oswego Normal and Training School (1869–1872), Ann Arbor (1872–

1876), and School for Girls, New York City (1877-1892); letters from Mrs. Helen Campbell relating to her appointment at the University of Wisconsin (1874) and her lecturing career; and letters from Mary Sheldon (Mrs. Earl Barnes) relating to Oswego Normal and Wellesley (1872-1878), life in Clay County, Kentucky (1879), and to activities at Cornell and Leland Stanford Universities (1886-1893). (514)

WILLIAMS FAMILY PAPERS. 1836-1924. 244 pieces. This set of papers consists largely of the letters of Mary G. Williams of Corning relating to student and teaching activities at Mount Holyoke College and Kalamazoo College. Included also are school attendance records for Pulteney and Urbana (1845-1846). Steuben County. (582)

WILLIAMS, JOSIAH B. 1809-1883. Additional Josiah B. Williams papers received since the year 1945-1946, and consisting largely of banking papers, have been incorporated with the Josiah B. Williams Collection.

Newspapers and Periodicals

THIS LIST includes newspapers acquired during the past two years by the Collection of Regional History. Single issues are listed with longer runs, and no distinction is made between newspapers placed on deposit or donated. As far as space permits the files are described in detail. Brackets indicate incomplete but substantial files. Parentheses indicate scattered issues within the range of years stated. Dates with no parentheses or brackets indicate complete files. Excepting the periodicals, or where a word "daily" or "weekly" in the title is self-explanatory, the frequency of publication is indicated by abbreviations.

d—daily

sw—semi-weekly

w—weekly

tw—tri-weekly

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS: UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND

Signs of the Times w S 11, 1879

SAN FRANCISCO

Oriental F 5, 1876

CONNECTICUT

BROOKLYN

*Independent Observer and
Country Advertiser* w
Jl 17, Ag 14, S 4, 1820

GUILFORD

Shore Line Times w
N 10, 1927; Ag 29, S 5, 19, D
26, 1929

GEORGIA

AUGUSTA

Mirror of the Times w O 2, 1813

ILLINOIS

BLOOMINGTON

Bloomington Daily Bulletin N
18, 1897
Bloomington Daily Leader
Je 12, 1885; O 17, 1895

Bloomington Daily Pantagraph
D 12, 1881; Je 12, 1885; F 26,
1887; My 1, 1889; Je 19, 1901;
Ag 12, 1904; D 26, 1913

CARLINVILLE

Macoupin County Enquirer w
Ag 18, 1886 — Ag 19, 1908
Daily Enquirer S 6, 1907 — S 5,
1908

CHICAGO

Chicago Times d O 20, 1889
Chicago Weekly News My 18,
O 12, 1882
Church and Home Illustrated
w Jl 3, 31, 1881
Sunday Herald w O 27, 1889
Weekly Magnet S 9, 1883
Young People's Weekly
D 1, 1889

NORMAL

Morning Call d Je 19, 30, Ag 4,
7, 1897; Mr 8 (Extra), N 2, 12,
1898; Ja 14, 25, 28, F 4, 8, 18,
1899

- Normal Advocate* w My 27, 1893; (1896)
- SPRINGFIELD
Illinois Daily State Journal
Ja 2, 1865 — Mr 23, 1865
- STANFORD
Stanford Star w (1899–1900); Ja 4, F 15, 22, 1902
- IOWA
- MANSON
Manson Journal w Ap 19, 1894
- ROCKWELL CITY
Calhoun County Republican
w Jl 20, 1893
- WILLIAMSBURG
Williamsburg Journal w
Ag 2, 1884
- KENTUCKY
- LOUISVILLE
Evening Bulletin O 11, 1862
- PARIS
Paris Tribune w Ag 12, 1874
- LOUISIANA
- LAKE CHARLES
American
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26 x 46.5. Revolutionary War ballad. n. d.

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34 x 41.5. Nominations of Daniel D. Tompkins for Governor, John Taylor for Lieutenant-Governor. Ontario, [1813].

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28.3 x 45.2. Notice to German and Swiss immigrants of lands for sale in Lewis, Jefferson, and Oswego Counties. H. B. Pierpont. Printed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1832.

Atlantic Cable! Celebration in Cortland!

19.2 x 29.8. Suitable exercises . . . for the great achievement of the nineteenth century. August 13, 1858.

The Beautiful and Sublime Science of Astronomy.

53 x 73. The most extensive and best illustrated lecture by Dr. C. Came. (in color). n. d.

Carrier of The Ithaca Journal News to His Patrons.

33.5 x 41. A review of the year in verse with a calendar . . . the *Journal* "It still will be the tyrant's foe — the people's faithful friend." Ithaca, January 1, 1837.

Chiefs, Braves, Warriors, Young Men, Women, and Children of the Winabagoe Tribe.

20 x 25. Prospectus. This paper shall speak our own language, when permission to teach our children to read in their mother tongue shall be granted. Turkey River, Iowa Territory, September 28, 1845.

The Constitution and the Voice of Madison.

27.5 x 36. In support of Jonas Platt, candidate for governor. New York, [1810].

Cortland Co. Whig — Extra.

15.2 x 45.9. Attack on Ashbel Patterson, 'The Mum candidate of the LocoFocos for the Assembly.' 1850.

Culbertson's New York Traveling Store.

20 x 44. Stock consists of fine dress goods, kid gloves, corsets, table and piano cloths, fine furs, etc. Weedsport, n. d.

On the Death of a Man that Perished in the Woods.

17.3 x 25.5. Broadside in verse. Edwards, 1837.

Dr. Foords Pectoral Syrup.

27.2 x 41.2. Colds, coughs and consumption are the peculiar scourge of the people of the northern and eastern States of the American Union. Cazenovia, 1845.

Electors of Hounsfield, Look at This!

27 x 27.5. Campaign broadside for the election of a town-collector. Jefferson County, 1821.

Essential Oils.

28.5 x 36. One of a series of advertisements of oils of peppermint, spearmint, tanzy, wintergreen, and other herbs with facsimilies (colored) of medals awarded H. G. & L. B. Hotchkiss. Phelps & Lyons, [1862].

Great Bargain, Continued!!

22.6 x 32.2. 75,000 acres of land for sale to actual settlers only. Lewis and Oswego Counties, 1840.

Great Mastodon Caravan, Menagerie, Museum.

35.2 x 56.5. Hippodrome and Troupe of Bedouin Arabs. Rosston, Springer & Henderson's. (in color) Bath, 1872 (written).

Grecian Liberty.

32 x 40.5. An appeal for funds to aid the cause of Greek freedom. Jefferson County, 1823.

Hear the Recreant. Whigs! read this, and then go and hear the Recreant N. P. Talmadge.

31 x 22.5. Talmadge, a Democratic senator, has taken a stand against Van Buren's Independent Treasury Bill. [1837].

Ho! Farmers, Ho!

34.5 x 42.5. "I am persecuted almost beyond endurance . . ." A satirical Loco Foco attack on Edwin B. Morgan, Whig candidate. Aurora, 1850.

Hollow Ware.

20.5 x 32.5. Price list for iron ware manufactured by B. & A. Seymour, City Furnace. Utica, n. d.

Log Cabin Anecdotes.

49.5 x 64.5. Illustrated incidents in the life of General William Henry Harrison. 12 illustrations. New York, 1840.

Log Cabin Celebration.

20.5 x 31.5. The friends of Harrison, Tyler, and Reform will hold a mass rally and erect a log cabin. Watertown, 1840.

Mail Petition.

23.5 x 39. To the Postmaster-General from inhabitants of Jefferson, Oswego, and Oneida Counties requesting that mail be transported more than once a week from Utica to Sackets Harbor, n. d.

National Republican Rally.

19 x 30. In support of Henry Clay. Watertown, 1832.

Dr. Nott, His Own Expositor.

22 x 39.5. Temperance, political speech. Ulysses, n. d.

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30 x 43. Presenting the Organs in three degrees of development and consequently the Corresponding Faculties in three states of strength . . . by John Augustus Brevoort. 1845.

Poughkeepsie Union Extra!

12 x 32.5. From the War . . . Capt. Noah proposes to bring forth the celebrated "Noah Ark" steel clad. The *Mayflower* has been chartered and is to be iron-clad and immediately put in service. President Davis' Farewell Address to his Army! "Officers! Men! Turn your swords into legs — and scratch gravel!" n. d.

To the Public.

13.4 x 19.9. From a committee appointed to solicit funds to send 3 "Mammoth Cheeses" made by Col. Thomas S. Meacham to President Andrew Jackson, Vice President Martin Van Buren, and Governor William L. Marcy . . . "in token of the respect and veneration they cherish toward the highest Executive Officers in the Nation." Pulaski, 1835.

To the Public.

27.3 x 25.5. On the question of judging another man's heart better than the man himself. An attack on a pastor. Varick, 1838.

Road to Wealth.

15.5 x 26. Washington Canal lottery. Utica, 1826.

Statement of Facts in reply to 'Falsehood Detected.'

20 x 30. A reply to those who would make Sackets Harbor tributary to Watertown by denying it the benefits of a canal from the Black River. Hounsfield, 1825.

Union and Harmony.

52 x 69.5. Republican nominations; Lincoln for President, Morgan for Governor. Buffalo, 1860.

Valuable Water Privileges.

28.5 x 41. Auction of water privileges for woolen, cotton, and nail and scythe factories, and for paper and saw mills. Sackets Harbor, 1832.

White's Patent Hydraulic Cement.

20 x 24.5. Advertisement and directions for using. Peter Remsen & Co. New York [1820].

Wonderful and yet true!

17.6 x 27.8. Stuttering and stammering can be permanently cured! in from thirty minutes to three hours . . . by the celebrated Dr. Wyckoff's System. At any time from Sunday, 14th, until Wednesday, 17th, Sept. 1856. Olean.

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